



December, 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the December newsletter.

This past month 3 Stingers were added to the registry, bringing the total to 908. One of these Stingers, a 1983 390X, has also been listed for sale.

This month's article is a special one. In the October 2018 newsletter, the article, "Miami Vice 390X in the Making", told the story of one member's years-long search for a 390X. This month's article is written by the member - Tony Ierardi - and tells the story from his point of view. It's a great read, and hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Until next month,
Han

390X - A 35 Year Journey

My story begins in September 1984 as a new television pilot premieres on NBC called Miami Vice. I am 15 years old and very much enjoy the new show. The cars, the clothes, the music, and a pretty cool boat that Don Johnson's character "Sonny Crockett" refers to as a 39 Cigarette, a generic term used then for long narrow speed boats. Later I would learn that it was actually a 1984 Chris Craft Stinger 390X that appeared in the pilot. Fast forward five weeks, episode 6 "Calderone's Return part 2" features Sonny Crockett's 1985 Chris Craft Stinger 390X in a tri color blue and white paint scheme, Russ Ballard's song "Voices" is playing in the background in dramatic music video format, my fascination with this boat begins. Three weeks later episode 9 "The Great McCarthy" airs and the Stinger 390X

is the centerpiece of the story. I'm hooked, I must own one someday! The boat makes a few other appearances throughout season one concluding with episode 23 "Lombard" in May of 1985.

The summer goes by and fans of the show cannot wait for the season two premier in the fall. During the first episode of season two a new boat is introduced, I'll never forget saying "what's that smaller boat they're in?" "what happened to my boat?" as the new 38 Scarab KV becomes the official boat of Miami Vice for the remaining five seasons of the show. The paint job on this new boat has a stripe that dives down into the waterline giving the illusion that the boat is smaller than it actually is. The 38KV uses the 377 Scarab hull so it's actually 37' 7" long where the 390X Stinger is a full

39' long. Between the foot and a half difference and diving side strip, you can see where my initial comments arose.

So I adopt this new boat and continue as a fan of the show but never forgot the original boat that stirred my interest. Later in life I looked for both boats on the pre-owned market, since Wellcraft built and sold just over 40 Miami Vice Editions including screen used boats, there are a fair number of them out there. I find it much easier to make connections on the web with owners and enthusiasts of these boats. I wind up finding a great condition 38 Scarab KV Miami Vice Edition and over the years get very involved in the club, make reproduction parts and decal kits, co-manage the club Facebook page and build and maintain the 38 KV Registry to this day. They are great boats and I made a lot of friends all over the world thanks to the Miami Vice 38KV!

A little over three years ago I emailed Han and asked about any 390X boats in Miami Vice colors and configuration that may be for sale. His response was respectful but along the lines of "good luck" there were maybe 12 boats painted that way, even fewer in

the exact tv show configuration. Since the 390X was only used in season one, there were no "Miami Vice Editions" made or sold to the public like the 38KV's. For those who don't know, what makes an exact Miami Vice Season One Stinger 390X: it's a 1985 model with rectangular deck hatches, tri color blue 5 stripe pattern on hull sides, tri color blue cabin, tri color blue cockpit vinyl, separate stand up helm seats, solid radar arch, no swim platform and no dock lights cut into the bow. Over the years Han sent me information on every 390X that came for sale, but none check all the boxes. It seems there may be 5 boats including the season one filming boats in exact Miami Vice configuration. Han is right, good luck finding one of those boats, it could be years to never. On September 20th, 2018, I'm driving home, about a mile from my house when my phone makes an alert sound for an email, it's from Han. Then a moment later another sound, a text from Han saying "go check your e-mail" it's a link to a 390X in exact Miami Vice configuration. I contact the seller, order a survey and as fate would have it, I make the deal and contract the boat on

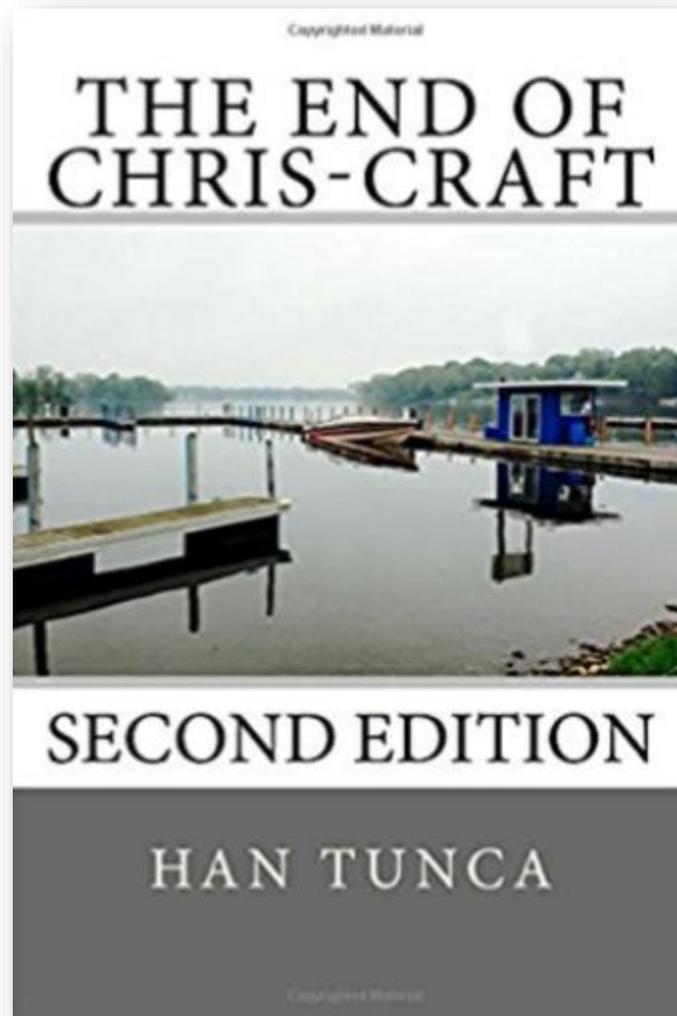
September 26th, 2018 my 50th birthday!



The boat is in great condition for being 33 years old, but to do it justice and to be great going forward it needs the same as most boats of the era. It will get a new transom, engine room stringers, fuel tank bulk head, overhauled engines transmissions and drives. New vinyl, remove bottom paint, gel coat touch ups, fresh tri color paint, new old stock correct Teleflex gauges, new old stock Morse controls, and anything else that comes up to make it like new again. I would like to thank Han for all his help over the years, I hope my restoration efforts will benefit other owners of these boats to keep them on the water and in the public eye. Since the boat that appeared in the show did not have registration numbers, I will be documenting my 390X with the Coast Guard so registration numbers will not be needed. A name however on the stern is required for documentation so I

thought it was only fitting
to name her "Season
One".

Tony lerardi



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Stingers for Sale

Below is a list of Stingers that have come up for sale during the previous month. The information for each boat in this section accompanied the owner's original advertisement. If you are interested in one of the boats please contact me at ccstinger@gmail.com.



Model: 1983 390
Location: Fowlerville, MI
Asking Price: \$12,000

1983 Chris Craft Stinger 390x for sale. \$12,000 or best offer. Twin 400 hp mercs. Has been sitting for about 8 years.



Model: 1982 260
Location: Waukegan, IL
Asking Price: \$21,000

For Sale: DIXIE NORMOUS 1982 Chris Craft 260 Stinger Built in 1982 in Bradenton, Florida I purchased this Boat in June 2009. This boat had a scratch and/or a ding here and there yet ran and drove quite well. I'm in my mid 70's and have been a boat person all my life, and I might add that I operated a full service boat company for several years. I'm quite capable of handling any mechanical, wood or fiberglass challenges. I'm retired and I have time on my hands, so I applied myself and brought this boat up to my standards. I also have many friends in the boat business so there's very little I or they can't handle. This boat has twin 260HP, 350cu/in engines with Alpha One outdrives. It has a Teak swim platform as well as a 3 blade stainless props. I repaired the dings and scratches on the hull, prepped then painted the hull. I used the original colors for the base coat then clear coated it. Over the years I made several changes (they're listed below) because I had the ability, time and finances. I've always used Mobil 1 15/50 in the engines along with Merc oil filters. All the parts and upgrades I have used on this boat were from Mercruiser. At present the exterior of this boat is as new as are all the cushions and seats. I never got to the cabin which could use some updating. Upgrades and Enhancements that I have done to this boat. Paint entire exterior using original colors. 2010 Recovered and replaced the foam in all cushions and seats 2010 Installed remote oil filter up grade (for easy access.) 2010 Installed new exhaust manifolds & risers (center type risers.) 2011 Installed through the transom exhaust system (using 4" polished stainless) 2011 Complete ignition upgrade to Thunderbolt IV 2011 All new shift and throttle cables 2012 New Quicksilver controls 2012 Install onboard marine battery charger 2013 Install new trim and tilt sensors 2013 Complete Drive service on both drives 2014 Rebuild both Carbs. 2014 Installed new pedestals on front seats Added batteries (boat now has 4 batteries.) Installed battery quick disconnect switches Installed crossover switches for emergency starting





Model: 1984 260
Location: Willsboro, NY
Asking Price: \$4,000

1984 Chris Craft stinger model 260 SL. Twin Mercruiser 260 HP engines. Both engines run very good but one needs a new carburetor. Twin Alpha One drives with stainless steel cleaver propellers. Boat needs work but is usable in current condition. Currently winterized and shrink wrapped but can be seen. Was not used this season. Some cosmetic fiberglass work needed and upholstery needs work. Interior overhead fabric damaged in one spot. No trailer but currently sitting on a yard trailer that may be available. Fun boat to drive. 50 + MPH. Low retail from NADA is \$5610.00. More pictures available.



Model: 1984 260
Location: Medford, NY
Asking Price: \$4,000

1984 Chris Craft stinger model 260 SL. Twin Mercruiser 260 HP engines. Both engines run very good but one needs a new carburetor



Model: 1984 260
Location: Buffalo, NY
Asking Price: \$9,500

For Sale - 1984 Chris Craft Stinger with Twin 350 260HP Mercruisers and Alpha one drives. Drives have stainless steel Michigan props. Comes with an Aluminum Venture Trailer with surge brakes and LED lights, purchased new. New interior upholstery with McLeod hydraulic drop down bolster seats. Boat starts and runs great. Max speed is 60 MPH on GPS and cruises great at 50 MPH. Cabin is spacious and clean. Also has bimini top and canvas cockpit cover. Still winterized from last year.



Model: 1984 312
Location: Lake Lanier, GA
Asking Price: \$12,500

32 ft Chris craft power boat for sale. Twin 454 mercruiser trs drives. New Capt chair. New stereo. New carpet. Halon fire extinguisher. Engine wash thru for salt water. Over 10k in work done. all engine work done by Merlin marine. Very fun boat. Need to sell. Comes with trailer. I bought it off of original owner on lake lanier. Clean title. Current registration



Model: 1984 312
Location: Round Mountain, TX
Asking Price: \$10,000

If you are looking at this Stinger, you probably remember the original Miami Vice Stinger 390. Back when go fast boats had beautiful lines and didn't look like a pointed watermelon. This 1984 Chris Craft Stinger 312 is an ALL original un molested boat with the original 330 Mercruiser 454's with original air cleaners and snorkels!!, All of the upholstery is original, cabin upholstery is good, cockpit upholstery was showing some wear and squirrels tore it up in a few spots as well, but it is the original upholstery. The squirrel damage could be repaired and you could get a little more use out of it, but it does have some wear and sun damage, It is 34 years old!. Gel coat and graphics could use a good polish, but are in good shape and original. The bottom has never been painted. I traded a Stinger 260 and a gob of cash for this boat in 1995 from a gentleman in Oklahoma, I loved this boat and used it for several years on Lake Travis in Central Texas, I then sold it to a good friend of mine who lived on the lake and never used the boat. He kept it inside and started the motors regularly but never put it in the water. The motors were last started about 4 years ago and fogged when shut off. I have had it back for a couple years now and have not done anything with it, so although it is a beautiful ornament in my shop, it really needs to be enjoyed by someone. I believe the motors have around 700 hours. It has the bullet proof TRS drives that were just fully serviced less than 10 hours ago, although it was 20 years ago. New \$1800 stereo, 20 years ago, (in the factory location with speakers in the factory locations), When last used, 20 years ago, everything worked perfectly. It is sitting on an aluminum trailer that could use some love, but will get it where it needs to go with 3- 3500lb axles and 15" tires. It will have decent used tires that should get you where you are going and functional lights. The boat is on a Texas title in my name, the trailer will come with a bill of sale. This is very likely the only 100% original 312 Stinger in existence! I think with a general service it would be lake ready. The starting bid is the bottom dollar so don't even bother with lowball offers. I love this boat and am not excited about selling it but I haven't used it in 2 years and probably won't in the next 2 years and it takes up a lot of shop space and I don't have heart to put it outside.



Model: 1984 390
Location: Glenwood, IL
Asking Price: \$58,000

1984 Chris Craft Stinger 390x. original 440 hp cyclone motors rebuilt as roller motors, B&W trans w/ TRS drives, mirage props 367 hr on hull & 60 hrs on rebuilt motors, Stainless Marine Exhaust, Survey done in 2016. Includes a triple axle trailer, excellent paint & interior.



Model: 1984 390
Location: San Antonio, TX
Asking Price: \$49,500

Likely, the finest original 1984 Stinger 390X in existence, particularly in the rare factory beige/brown/yellow/orange color scheme. Continues to have original hardware, colors, graphics, stereo, refrigerator, gauges, outdrives, engines, and MYCO trailer. Engines rebuilt Fall 2014, only 20 hours operation since. Trailer improved with disc brakes (were drum), new springs, master cylinder hitch assembly, tongue jack, line lock for backing, chains and more. Cabin now has Teak floor and brushed stainless fridge door. Cockpit updated with amplifier, Rockford-Fosgate speakers, stainless counter/sink top, Teak floor and trim, new upholstery, new gauge bezels and powder coated surrounds and more. Engines extremely well cared for and start/run well. Outdrives received new bellows and carrier bearings Fall 2014 as well. Fresh cockpit, deck and bottom Awlgrip Awlcraft 2000 paint with professionally applied silicone anti-skid finish. Most of this boat's life was in Portland, Oregon in fresh waters of the Columbia River. Always high-and-dry or trailered. Currently in Southern California. This boat is a joy to own/operate, and particularly rewarding when answering to compliments, questions and admiration wherever you take it! Mionli Vice is truly an important part of American boating history that is gaining value and more notoriety every day. It can be yours!



Model: 1985 260
Location: Orlando, FL
Asking Price: \$7,250

Essentially this is a "one" Owner Boat as ownership has remained within same family since it was brand new. Here are the particulars:- 1985 Chris Craft Stinger 260 SL - Twin Mercury 260 I/O with Alpha Drives. - Just shy of 800 HRS on Motors. - Stainless Steel Clever Props. - Hull is rock solid with no cracks. - Cabin is good shape. - Boat has been sitting since 2011 and will need some work because of sitting. - Sale includes Aluminum Trailer rebuilt within past 6 months. - Boat is located in Central Florida. - Boat will definitely require some work, but is well worth it. Asking Price is \$ 7,250 OBO



Model: 1986 222
Location: Brockport, NY
Asking Price: \$6,500

1986 stinger 222, 350 merc alpha 1 outdrive. Boats in good shape. In the last 3 years transom has been replaced, stringers, bellows, gimbal bearing, coupler, upgraded outdrive Hydraulic pump, impeller, 4 new

	<p>trailer tires this year. Do your research on these boats rare one of a kind ahead of its time. This one has not been molested and turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.</p>
	<p>Model: 1986 222 Location: Benton, LA Asking Price: \$10,500</p> <p>10,500 ... OBO Good solid boat.. Needs a little TLC 454 motor... 4 inch wet jet Needs outdrive seal and upholstery done. 5,000 trailer all aluminum Custom wheels</p>
	<p>Model: 1986 260 Location: Tavares, FL Asking Price: \$15,000</p> <p>Classic 1986 Chris Craft Stinger with Radar Arch....25 hours on rebuilt 350's, outdrives just serviced, 4 bladed prop, foam core-fiberglass transom, nice interior, wrap has normal wear, includes dual axle trailer.</p>
	<p>Model: 1986 312 Location: Schererville, IN Asking Price: \$25,000</p> <p>1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 312 w/ Arc, 31.6'. Trailer, updated cabin, sink, sleeps 4. Twin 454's, Mirage Props, Borg Warner Trans & TRS Drives, Great sound system. This boat is in excellent condition. Fresh water it whole life no salt. Stored in a heated garage. Never outside or left at a slip. Solid hull and Stringers. Reasonable offers</p>
	<p>Model: 1986 312 Location: Indianapolis, IN Asking Price: \$16,000</p> <p>1986 Chris-Craft 312 Stinger. Twin 454 Mercruisers rebuilt to factory 420 specs. TRS drives with new props. Older repaint & upholstery, 1200-watt inverter in cabin with 110-volt outlets, small sink, refrigerator, porta potty. Very roomy cabin that can sleep 5 if needed, 4 very comfortably. Everything works as should in cabin, CD player with 2 speakers in cabin & 2 outside. Road cover, cockpit cover, bimini top. Shore power hook up, a very solid boat for the year. I removed the arch & still have it. Trailer included. I can text or e-mail pics. Motivated seller, make offer. \$21,500. OBO.</p>



Model: 1986 390
Location: Tulsa, OK
Asking Price: \$4,800

1986 Chris 39' Stinger. Original was twin big block Chevys with Mercury outdrives. Engines removed years ago to re-power, but project was abandoned, sat under a cover on Long Island for several years. Was a salt boat, now in Oklahoma near lots of water, and it needs a new loving owner to restore and bring back to life. Long and sleek cigarette boat, with its own character! I trade, but not for junk. NO TRAILER, I might help with re location, in reason.



Model: 1987 390
Location: Flagstaff, AZ
Asking Price: \$65,000

A PIECE OF HISTORY,THIS IT A GEORGE BUSH,RONALD REAGAN, BLUE THUNDER BOAT FROM THE DRUG WARS IN FLORIDA IN THE 80S. THIS BOAT WAS SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR GOVERNMENT PURSUIT OF DRUG SPEED BOATS,IT NOW IS A LIVEABOARD TOY ,LEATHER WRAP AROUND COUCH,BATHROOM WITH SINK,KITCHEN SINK,FRIDGE,MICROWAVE,MASSIVE STORAGE,30 HRS ON NEW 568 BBC,TRS DRIVES,BORG WARNER TRANS, HAYLON SYSTEM,SHIP TO,SHORE ,GAFFRIG GAUGES,STERIO SYSTEM, ALUMINUM TRIPLE TRAYLOR, NEW TIRES AND BRGS, FRON BERTH BED,NEW UPHOLSTERY I HAVE BEEN A MECHANIC FOR 42 YEARS AND I OWN AUTO TECH PROS IN FLAGSTAFF THIS IS MY BOAT AND IM GOING BIGGER THANKS FOR LOOKING



Model: 1988 202
Location: Collierville, TN
Asking Price: \$2,500

Running 175 Mercruiser inboard with fully functional Alpha outdrive and five blade stainless prop. Gauges, trim and gear box all work. Finish needs revitalization but hull, including transom, are solid. The interior has been removed. It will need one 42"l rear stringer replaced, a new 36"w x 72"l floor panel and interior accommodations as you desire. Dual axel trailer included. Chris Craft Stinger Newsletter states there were only 189 of these models produced and estimates less than 50 survive. Estimated value after restoration is \$6500-8500 depending on fit and finish. Bill of sale provided in exchange for cash only. Additional photos available. Thanks for looking!



Model: 1988 202
Location: Rochester, NY
Asking Price: \$8,000

I have a super rare 88' chris craft stinger 202 for sale. It has 165 hours on the hull. This boat is like brand new. I literally just finished it. This is the coolest fiberglass speedboat that Chris Craft ever made and was made for the Miami Vice tv series. They were built in very limited quantities and there are only a handful of these left. There is a website dedicated to them, I know of no other boats that have a cult following. I built this one to be better than it was originally. It is an attention grabber. I get compliments on it wherever I am and have had numerous offers on it even before I restored it. I'm selling it because I'm getting married and need the money. I just put well over \$7500 into it this summer alone and have well over 12K into it total. I had planned to use it but sadly, it needs to go. Weddings are insanely expensive and I'm finding out the hard way. I replaced the motor and outdrive. It has an OMC 4.3L v-6 and an OMC cobra outdrive. Next, I gutted the boat completely and installed new marine ply, fiberglass, carpet, custom-built seats and engine cover and had everything professionally upholstered. I installed a new GT steering wheel, a Sony marine cd/mp3/satellite radio, which sounds awesome, a new bilge pump, new fuel lines, new aluminum swivel/slider/adjustable height seat posts and new Tracker style folding seats. The interior work cost over \$4K alone but was well worth it. It came out awesome. I had a 4bbl. Rochester carb installed which brings the HP up to 205 and will do over 60MPH. I had the pin striping re-done on the boat and matching Shorelander trailer. I replaced the tires, lights, and started to strip and repaint the entire trailer. It also has a new deep cycle battery. There are 2 swim platforms molded into the stern that have teak footboards and they were also refinished and look great. I also just purchased a new trailerable cover for it. I even just filled the tank with ethanol free 93-octane fuel. I'm probably forgetting a lot. If you're interested you must include the words eighty-eight chris craft to get a response due to spammers. I know it's the wrong time of the year to sell a boat and I could get more for it this spring which is why I priced it where it is. It is well worth the money. Chris craft builds the very best boats around and this one is better than new.



Model: 1988 260
Location: Kingston, NY
Asking Price: \$4,500

Boat Hull is pretty clean, Imron paint two years prior to me buying her in 2013 (per previous owner), set up for SBC twins and alpha drives, off- color repaint spot, stbd side above rub rail. DOES NOT INCLUDE ENGINES, but includes drives, bennet tabs, all cables, rigging and harnesses in place. Has drop down bolsters with adjustable headrests, but the upholstery is SHOT. the top edges are all split from sun and exposure (prior to me owning it), no back seat and no sunpad cushions. Cabin cushions are intact and upholstery is good. Through-hull exhaust and integral swim platform. Chris Craft also puts the HIN on the hull itself so you can run it with the platform removed. Includes Boatmaster aluminum double axel trailer, needs new brakes, tires good, 6 lug wheels. I'm open to offers and possible trades (work van?) (big Blocks?). She needs some work but I also restore these and i know what a great boat she will be again, i just happen to own several Stingers and i need to let one or two go.



Model: 1988 312 Fittipaldi
Location: Chesterfield Township, MI
Asking Price: \$24,995

1988 Chris Craft 312 Stinger Fittipaldi Equipe. 32 feet long, twin GENV 502 HO engines, Bravo Ones, Three-axle trailer with new tires. 55MPH. Only 18 of these Boats are now to exist. Very rare.



Model: 1988 375
Location: Clemson, SC
Asking Price: \$35,000

For Sale: Chris Craft 375 Stinger, Bad XXX, Miami Vice, twin 460, King Cobra, excellent condition no scratches dings or cracks! All original! 37'8" of sexy! This girl is Big! Bad! Straight exhaust, 550 hrs boat and motors!



Model: 1988 312
Location: Detroit, MI
Asking Price: \$29,900

A Chris Craft go fast!! 1988 Chris Craft Stinger 312 Powered by Twin Mercruiser 454s with Bravo 1 outdrives. Boat is in excellent shape. Was stored out of the water indoors most of its life. Just moved onto a canal so time to make a change. Extremely clean, all upholstery in excellent shape. Adjustable captains and passenger bolstered seats. Dual batteries with dual switches. Fire



suppression system. Built in porta potty. Sink, ice box. Sony Bluetooth radio. Has new cockpit and full body covers. Fire up and go. TONS more pictures if needed, just ask. Hull in excellent shape. All the body and fiber glass is very nice. Only vey small normal wear marks / scratches as to be expected. Clock gauge on dash, glass is foggy. Synchronizer gauge is currently disconnected. All the rest are clear and working. No rips, tears, or fading in any upholstery. Covers are both new. Boat does include the trailer. I have a new triple axle Aluminum trailer as seen in photos. located here locally in SE Michigan. Can help or work with you to arrange transport. Deposit required vi paypal. Cash or certified bank check in person for total value



Model: 1984 390
Location: Seabrook, TX
Asking Price: \$27,000

Chris Craft Stinger, Sale or trade, see details below, flat deck , twin 468 BBC engines, velvet trannys, TRS drives, smooth ride in choppy waters, great cruiser , always fresh water flushed after pulled out of water. Padded over engine hatches, (I have optional one piece White racing hatch that can be bought extra for this boat if desired) very dependable boat, white deck with white interior, triple axle trailer, nice party boat, will sale out right for cash or consider possible trade for Race Car, Prostreet, High End built Rat Rod, Hot Rod, Military Truck, H1 Hummer, or I love Custom High end Choppers or/and cash my way.



Model: 1986? 312
Location: Broward County, FL
Asking Price: \$6,500

32 ft Chris craft , great interior & exterior . Twin 454 mags big blocks , . Had been 100% restores about 6 years ago This is a steal ! This boat is worth \$25k after minor repairs (needs exhausts manifold , wiring horness & outdrive on port side) other motor & drive run great, boat drives with 1 engine if you want to test drive it .



Model: 1986 260
Location: Baltimore, MD
Asking Price: \$3,000

Twin 350 running needs some love but very worth fixing up I don't have any time to finish it but motors run pretty good start right 3000



Model: 1986? 222
Location: Miami, FL
Asking Price: \$3,000

Boat stinger 222 by chriscraft boat and aluminum trailer no motor \$3000



Model: 1987 260
Location: Hialeah, FL
Asking Price: \$15,000

For sale is an 1987 Chris Craft STINGER 260, with twin 350 SB with newly rebuilt Alfa 1 out drives. Motors have 71 hours and everything on boat works as should. Trailer is in excellent shape, Interior also in great shape. Includes canvas Bimini top and horizon GPS. Call for more info. Sorry no joy rides.