



## February, 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the February, 2020 newsletter.

You may have noticed that there was no January 2020 newsletter. The reason for that is that the company I had been working for shut down, and I've transitioned to a startup company. Honestly the new position has kept me very busy, and I fell behind in getting out the January, 2020 newsletter. For that I apologize.

As busy as I was, I was still able to make changes to the website. Specifically, new functionality has been added to the hull number decode page. When a hull number is decoded, if information for the hull number exists at the USCG

website, that information will now be displayed.

In addition to the changes to the website, 3 more Stingers were added to the registry, bringing the total to 964.

Of note on the website are new pictures of the 1987 390X Stinger named [Not Guilty](#). According to the owner, this boat is a decommissioned Coast Guard boat.

Also of note on the website is a [1984 260 Stinger](#) that was located in Medford, NY. Sadly, the boat was crushed in December, 2019 as no buyer could be found for it.

Finally, a Kindle version of my book [The End of Chris-Craft, Third Edition](#) is now

available for sale on Amazon.com.

Until next month,  
Han

## Setting the Record Straight

I've recently been made aware that a book on Chris-Craft, published in 2018, has incorrect information. Having written a book on Chris-Craft myself, I know just how hard it is to get all of the information correct, therefore when I found out about his error, I felt I had to set the record straight.

The error is relatively small. The book states "Murray, along with other partners, also purchased the fabled Donzi Marine". Setting the record straight, George Dale Murray never had a hand in purchasing Donzi.

The error in the book may have been due to the fact that after Dick Genth left Chris-Craft, he, along with a group of investors, purchased Donzi Marine.

First-hand information about Chris-Craft during

the time of the Stingers is hard to come by. It was a busy time for the company, as it was purchasing companies, switching executives, and eventually filing for bankruptcy. Records weren't necessarily kept, or were arbitrary.

With the paucity of information, it's important to keep it as correct as possible to ensure that the history of the company lives on.

# The End of Chris-Craft Third Edition



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*"Brings a whole new light to boating, can't help but think about different parts of the book every time I see a boat."*

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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](mailto: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: 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 312**  
**Location: Chilliwack, BC, Canada**  
**Asking Price: \$21,500**

32 foot cigarette style off shore boat. New hi performance 454 motors gill exhaust with stainless pipes. Stainless props tie bar counter rotating drives. Incredible rough water boat. Triaxle trailer with new led lights, brakes, and bearings. Own a " Miami Vice Legend."



**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: 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 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

	<p>turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 222</b>  <b>Location: Benton, LA</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$10,500</b></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><b>Model: 1986 260</b>  <b>Location: Ithaca, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$13,500</b></p> <p>Legendary style and performance. Nothing cuts through the water like a Chris-Craft. This boat has twin v8's straight piped above the swim platform. Absolutely beautiful. New port motor, new throttle, new shift cables, new batteries and new master kill switch all within the last 2 years. This boat is a head turner, classic styling with crisp responsive handling. Truly a classic- call today!</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 312</b>  <b>Location: Indianapolis, IN</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$16,000</b></p> <p>1986 Chris-Craft 312 Stinger. Twin 454 Mercruisers rebuilt to factory 420 specs. TRS drives with new props. Older repaint &amp; 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 &amp; 2 outside. Road cover, cockpit cover, bimini top. Shore power hook up, a very solid boat for the year. I removed the arch &amp; still have it. Trailer included. I can text or e-mail pics. Motivated seller, make offer. \$21,500. OBO.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 390</b>  <b>Location: Tulsa, OK</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$4,800</b></p> <p>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</p>

trade, but not for junk. NO TRAILER, I might help with re location, in reason.



**Model: 1987 312 Fittipaldi**  
**Location: St Petersburg, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$10,000**

This boat has been in storage for over a decade. It will need a pair of GenIV motors to make it operational. It will come with the Borg-Warner velvet drive transmissions and TRS counter rotating outdrives and stainless props. They have 225 hours on them however they would probably need to be rebuilt given the time they have been in storage. The transom was replaced by Yacht Doctors and the K-Planes were re-installed with custom back plates. The bolsters are in good shape with the exception of the top cushions which can be easily removed. The rear seating will have to be completely redone. The same applies to the cabin area. Traditional U-shaped lounge with berth forward. It's cloth and I would have wanted it in vinyl anyway at some point. The Loadmaster trailer was custom built for the boat as it was on a "high n dry" when I purchased it and all of the tires are brand new. The brakes would need to be replaced. This was one of the few Fittipaldi Equippe models that were produced after Emerson Fittipaldi fell in love with the Stinger model and asked Chris Craft to produce a modified model for him. Consequently they built a handful of these modified Stingers. Very heavy hull and runs like some of the older Formulas. She can run FOT at 72MPH in 3-4' chop with the stock 454 Magnums.



**Model: 1987 314**  
**Location: Soddy-Daisy, TN**  
**Asking Price: \$20,000**

1987 Chris Craft Stinger 314 This has had a lot of work done to it. It's about 75% to 80% complete. The hull has been completely sanded down and refinished from rub rail down. The transom has been completely replaced and reinforced to hold triple 300's. The gill bracket was custom built for the boat. It currently has triple mercury 225 hp. 2-1999 carbureted and 1-2001 fuel injected. The cockpit area has a new custom sun pad creating a very large area for storage and a place to layout. Has new Faria gages and new switches. Triple racing throttle controls. The cabin has been reupholstered 95% complete. Trailer is tri-axle with new wheels and tires new disk brakes and new 20,000lbs surge brake coupler. This boat just needs a little more to be complete. Reason for selling is I bought a bigger fixer-upper and need the money. Asking \$20,000.



**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" x 72" 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 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 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: 1987 260**  
**Location: Manalapan, NJ**  
**Asking Price: \$14,500**

1987 Chris Craft Stinger 260.....Twin 350 cu in chevy motors.....completely rebuilt.....all new manifolds and risers.....port and starboard....2 new gimble bearings and boots.....both drives resealed.....stainless mirage props.....custom Imron paint.....all work performed Sept 2019....trailer available.....2013 load rite tandem.....6500 lbs.....ready for 2020 season.



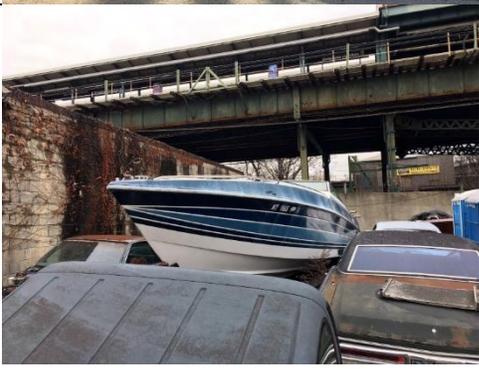
**Model: 1988 312**  
**Location: San Diego, CA**  
**Asking Price: \$5,000**

31' Chris Craft Stinger 1988 Twin 454 Mercruisers with 800 hours on starboard engine and less than 200 hours on port engine. Bravo 1 Outdrives! Original Owner! Winterized every winter until and kept in Boat House in the summer until it moved to San Diego in 2001. Kept on a boat lift from 2001 to 2018 while in San Diego. 40 MPH + Sleeps 4 Porti Potti Sink Refrigerator Gel Coat in Excellent Condition! Both Engines Run! NO TRAILER INCLUDED. THIS VESSEL HAS BEEN DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY BY THE ORIGINAL OWNER. THIS BOAT WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOCK. WE WILL START THE ENGINES AND PUT BOTH ENGINES IN AND OUT OF GEAR! THIS DEAL WON'T LAST LONG.



**Model: 1987 314**  
**Location: Long Island, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$17,900**

1987 CC Stinger 314 with Armstrong Stainless Bracket designed for up to 300hp. From the factory set up-very rare. 1999 Mercury 250 EFI meticulously maintained. All new filters and fluids, plugs,etc. Triple axle trailer with all new hubs and right side 3 new tires. (Have paper work but need a weight certificate to register in my name. Or you can just register it as a homemade trailer). New Stereo with four speakers. Everything works on the boat. Spare Parts: 2 boxes of miscellaneous stuff Owners Manual with some receipts over the years Refurbished Starboard spare drive with high speed nose cone water pic ups Spare blown Port side motor drive Interior is in decent shape Brand new

	<p>canvas cover \$1000 Huge cabin with sink and ice box 2 sets of the Bridgeport / 300 xs cowling stickers.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1988 202</b>  <b>Location: Lockford, CA</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$3,500</b></p> <p>1988 Chris Craft Stinger 202 20' pleasure craft with trailer Has not been used or started for 2 years Will need carb rebuilding and battery Boat and trailer in nice shape Please no calls after 9pm or before 6am No you can not hear it run or try it out , sold as is Cash only. No scammers.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 314</b>  <b>Location: Brooklyn, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$3,500</b></p> <p>Chris Craft Stinger 32 feet. Boat needs restoration or repair. Boat needs new floor and probably gas tanks. Has two Mercury 200hp that turn over however there is a crack in one lower unit. Boat is an 1986 and there are papers for the boat and trailer. All parts as well as whole boat is available. Condition is For parts or not working.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 222</b>  <b>Location: Miami, FL</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$6,500</b></p> <p>1986 Chris Craft 222 Stinger 60 mph boat Brand New 350 Mercruiser Motor Gen 2 Mercruiser Outdrive Stainless Prop Aluminum Trailer with new wheels and tires Cuddy Cabin New Aluminum Fuel Tank New Carpet New Interior I've had this boat for 18 years and just restored it.. I'm only selling it to buy a bigger boat. \$7500 OBO 1/11/2020: 1986 222 Chris Craft Stinger 350 Mercruiser less than 50 hrs Alpha 1 Gen 2 outdrive NEW gears and all seals Tandem Axle Aluminum Trailer Needs Steering Cable Needs Bolster Seats 60 mph boat</p>