



July, 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to the July, 2019 newsletter.

This past month, two Stingers were added to the registry, bringing the total to 931.

Two Stingers were also added to the for-sale section of the website, including a 1983 260 located in Minnesota and a 1984 312 located in South Carolina. You can see the listings below as well.

Until next month,
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Irwin L. Jacobs

Another icon of the boating industry has recently passed away. Jacobs, whose Genmar Holdings became the second largest boat builder in the US, passed

away at his home in April of this year.

Jacobs had multiple dealings with Chris-Craft over the years. In 1988, Chris-Craft filed for bankruptcy, which eventually lead to the courts selling Chris-Craft to the highest bidder. In the resulting auction, Jacobs' Genmar Holdings got into a bidding war with OMC. Eventually, OMC won with a bid of \$58M for Chris-Craft. There was some question as to whether or not Jacobs was serious about his bidding - or was forcing a competitor to overpay for Chris-Craft. He would later comment about OMC's acquisition of Chris-Craft: "Pound for pound, it's the most expensive boat acquisition in history."

In 2001, OMC itself would file for bankruptcy, and its assets were put up for sale. Jacobs' Genmar

Holdings partnered with Bombardier to offer \$95M for OMC's holdings, including Chris-Craft. The offer was accepted. Bombardier and Genmar split OMC's assets - Genmar would take all of OMC's boat companies, and Bombardier took the engine production facilities.

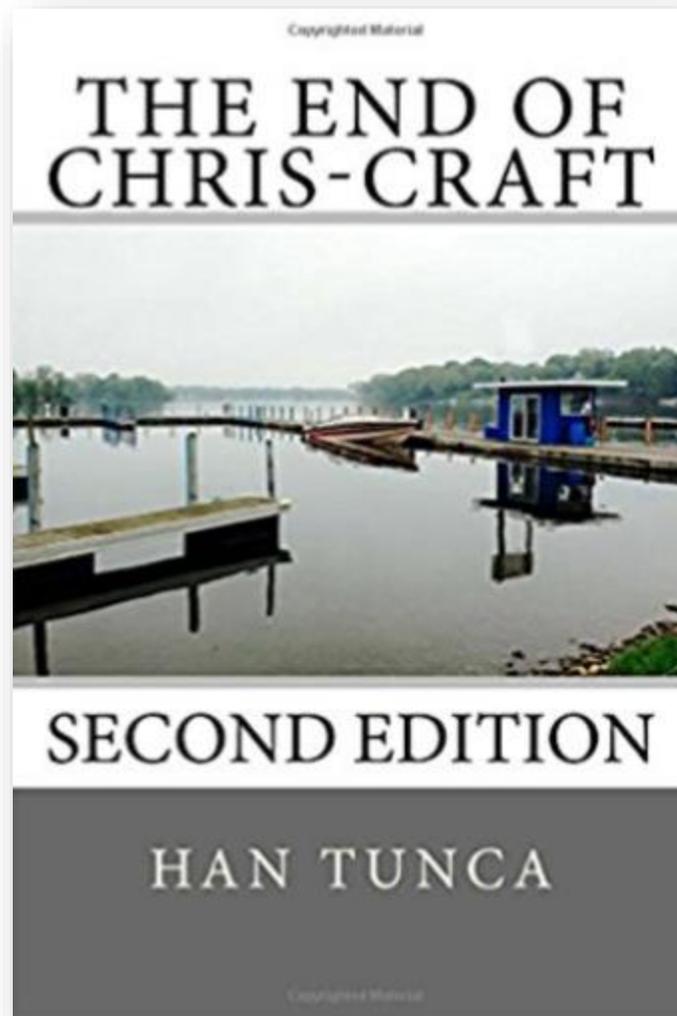
Genmar's ownership of Chris-Craft didn't last long. Jacobs stated that Chris-Craft did not fit in with Genmar's strategic plans. Jacobs would go on to sell Chris-Craft to Stephen Julius of Stellican for a purported \$5M. Stellican eventually sold Chris-Craft to Winnebago in 2018 for an undisclosed amount.

The great recession of 2008 took a toll on Genmar, with the firm downsizing and eventually undergoing a lengthy bankruptcy restructuring.

Jacobs was known for more than Genmar Holdings however. He had got his start by buying companies and splitting

them up for a profit, a practice that earned him the nickname "Irv the Liquidater".

Jacobs was 77 at the time of his death.



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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 260
Location: Lake Minnetonka, MN
Asking Price: \$14,000

1983 Chris Craft Scorpion stinger 260 sl *****Rare Factory Miami Vice Colors -Short windshield -Rear spaced Arch**** Same owner for 30 + years** Great Boat - Great Performance!! Eng's 350 / 4 bolt mains Recently rebuilt -Balanced and blue-Printed to over 400H.P. Alum 2.02 Angles plug heads- Crane Full roller rockers With Eddie Marine Custom exhaust.. Alpha One drives fully serviced this spring of 19**** New Interior And flooring Spring of 2018.. Comes with dual Axle trailer.. This has been a great Boat & was NOT looking to sell. Health issues are changing my course of ownership.. I really wish i could keep it.. \$14,000 Or Best Cash offer..



Model: 1984 312
Location: Lexington, SC
Asking Price: \$18,000

32' performance power boat 1984 Chris craft stinger 312 (mostly all redone in 2019) Twin 454 big blocks 660 HP Velvet drive transmissions Bullet proof TRS drives Stainless steel 3 blade props NEW thru hull exhaust system from Teague Custom Marine. NEW impellers April 2019 on both sides. NEW upholstery at trim couch and sun deck that matches with the wrap colors. NEW Killer JL audio system with large sub and 4 6.5" speakers. NEW Red led light rings around all speakers. NEW full custom wrap installed April of 2019. Boat gets complimented every where it goes and catches every eye. NEW custom built aluminum swim platform April 2019. NEW rhino line install on 34' trailer. NEW tires on trailer x6 maybe 400 miles on tires. NEW carpet in cabin April 2019. NEW custom designed and built access ladder at front of trailer to access bow effortlessly. NEW wood bunks and bunk carpet. Large cabin space with 2 couches and nice side bed. Full red LED lighting throughout boat. Hull in great shape no gashes or gouges dry hull. Call with any questions or for additional pics. Selling to upgrade to larger boat \$18,000 priced reduced to sell, need to upgrade before end of summer.





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 wells 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 cote 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 Mercrusier. 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: 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 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: 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: 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: Baton Rouge, LA
Asking Price: \$14,000

1985 Chris-Craft 260 Stinger Limited this is a one owner boat . The boat has been well taken care of , its always been stored in a covered hanger or on the trailer in a building. Motors where replaced with new one Mercruiser 260 s (original equipment) in 2002 . Boat has 1200 hours on it . The 2002 engines have 200 hours on them . The outdrives where replaced in 2018 they have less than 50 hours on them . The trailer is an aluminum trailer that had complete new 6500lb axles with new breaks, wheels and tires put on in 2003 . Tires have been replaced in 2017 . It's a great boat it's been in our family for a long time , I hate to see it go but we just don't get time to use it much anymore.



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 turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.



Model: 1986 222
Location: Benton, LA
Asking Price: \$10,500

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



Model: 1986 260
Location: Ithaca, NY
Asking Price: \$13,500

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!



Model: 1986 312
Location: Indianapolis, IN
Asking Price: \$16,000

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.



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 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

	<p>a little more to be complete. Reason for selling is I bought a bigger fixer-upper and need the money. Asking \$20,000.</p> <p>Model: 1988 202 Location: Collierville, TN Asking Price: \$2,500</p> <p>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!</p>
	<p>Model: 1988 202 Location: Rochester, NY Asking Price: \$8,000</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Model: 1988 260 Location: Kingston, NY Asking Price: \$4,500</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Model: 1988 375 Location: Clemson, SC Asking Price: \$35,000</p> <p>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!</p>
	<p>Model: 1988 415 Location: Lake Havasu, AZ Asking Price: \$25,000</p> <p>This 1988 Chris craft stinger model 415 is brand new interior, seats, carpets, gauge panel, wiring and needs some motor work. It has two 454 chev engines both rebuilt as new but one needs to be replaced. With both the naturally asperated engines the boat goes about 50 MPH. It is a true classic and if some dropped a pair of 502 cid in to the hull, the speed would be closer to 70 mph. Selling it cheap so the next owner can dump some money in it and have an incredible ride.</p>



Model: 1985 312
Location: Oswego, TX
Asking Price: \$85,000

1984 Chris Craft Stinger SL CS (Knytex Stinger 99) This boat is 1 of 1 Factory offshore Race Stingers and 1 of 2 Competition Series stingers built. This boat was Raced by Dick Genth, President of Chris-Craft - Murray in the 1985 Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Race. It won that Race beating out Formula, Baja, Wellcraft and Cobalt entries. This is a beautiful boat that is all original. Still carries the original race livery on the side. She is truly one of a kind. Documentation can be provided. Current Condition.....She is ready to be restored. Various owners and 30+ years have given her some bumps and bruises. Engines fire and run, carburetors will need rebuilt. Twin 454'S Transmissions are good. Velvet trans Port lower unit will need some attention. It is intact but am unsure of its operability. TRS drives Floor in cuddy cabin is soft and will need some attention. Hull is sound with cosmetic scratching and some gouges. Will need gel coat work. Will need interior restored all though all pieces are there. This is truly a one of a kind boat and a true piece of racing history.

Editors Note: at this time, this boat can not be confirmed as the one that raced in the Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase.



Model: 1986 260
Location: Rochester, NY
Asking Price: \$5,000

1986 Chris Craft Stinger 260. Twin 350s run good w/ alpha one drives. Brand new props (21P) brand new impellers in both. Fresh oil in both engines and outdrives. Brand new bilge pump. 16 fresh spark plugs, new water shutters and newer bellows. 2 new cushions on rear. fully functional boat. Just registered boat, have transferable registration. No paper work for homemade trailer but lights were just rewired and trailer was painted, and put brandnew tires on it, brakes not wired up. \$5k obo may trade for harley or smaller boat.



Model: 1987 312
Location: Lohja, Uusimaa, Finland
Asking Price: €25,000

312 Stinger. Skins. Machines, locomotives etc. 20h driven. On the second machine, the defect. Machine parts and a block measured.



Model: 1988 312
Location: Harrison Township, MI
Asking Price: \$15,000

1988 Chris Craft Stinger 312 15K obo...No trailer...Twin 454's with a little over 1000 hrs on each motor. Boat runs perfect(turn key)except the clock and speedometer everything else works as it should.... I'd be happy to answer all questions regarding the boat.



Model: 1985 260
Location: Henderson, NV
Asking Price: \$16,900

Unmolested Vintage High Performance 1985 Chris Craft Stinger 260SL - Fresh water use in Northern Utah. Twin 350's with extremely low hours 400 Port (approx) and 370 Stbd (approx) 520HP
15x19 stainless cleavers, Alpha 1 drives with original SS tiebar, will run 70 mph at Lake Mead.
Interior freshened about 5 years ago. ORIGINAL condition. Couple small issues, these are highly sought after. Miami VICE!!! Boat comes with tandem axle 1999-2000 galvanized trailer that is in fantastic condition as well. Call with questions - No brokers, I won't have any issues selling. \$16,900.00 or Best Offer



Model: 1987 222
Location: Lee Summit, KS
Asking Price: \$7,500

22.5ft 454 thru hull exhaust mercruiser, new lower unit, new carb, everything works except speedometer. Steering cable is stiff but still usable good tandem trailer. Ready to go clean clear title. 7500obo



Model: 1989? 312
Location: Espoo, Finland
Asking Price: €29,500

Elegant Classic Chris-Craft Stinger Redesigned Machines-2 pcs Mercruiser 454, Bravo1 1 Owner-kept always in top-condition. - In exchange, a good trailer boat may be of interest, Together with a professional. My use a few time/v.



Model: 1989 385

Location: Espoo, Finland

Asking Price: €75,000

Due to lack of time sold the legendary OFF-1 class offshore boat. The race was called ' Winter War ' and the boat was undefeated in the 1989 Helsinki-Stockholm race in an incredible sea running. Prior to the use of the race the floor structure of the boat's stern was replaced by full laminate and the lateral bulkheads were reinforced. After a few years of using the competition, the boat has spent peaceful retirement until we found it in our hands. The exterior and interior trim of the boat has been commissioned by a new professional. The total 800hp tuning of the engines was not enough, so the machines have been pushed out and drilled to the first oversize and completely redesigned, including the race pistons and valves, Thong Supercharger, two Holleys four-throat The gas is fed by a high pressure fuel pump. The dyno engines gave 0.2 bar to the Ahto pressures 600 hp/machine. With the increase in pressure close to the 1.0 bar, there is a power of 800 hp/machine. Due to lack of time, the project has not been completed and the boat has not reached water for the last 10 years (kept in a warm hall). The work is, however, to a degree in the final stages, that we can get the device fully operational with about 2 weekends. You can now see the boat in the hall. It to the next then slightly faster device. The boat is on a full-board wagon, the board belongs to the store.