



## Welcome to the March, 2018 Newsletter

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Traffic to the website is picking up as the start of the boating season is upon us. It's this time of the year that boats are put up for sale. If you are interested in placing your boat in the for sale section, please feel free to contact me at [ccstinger@gmail.com](mailto:ccstinger@gmail.com).

Listing your boat for sale at [chriscraftstingers.com](http://chriscraftstingers.com) is free, and it is published in the monthly newsletter that is sent out to more than 200 people.

Speaking of the website, the registry now contains 880 Stingers as 4 were added last month.

Until next month,  
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## Chris-Craft: The Essential Guide - Stinger Edition #2

In last month's newsletter, I started a series of articles titled "The Essential Guide - Stinger Edition". Here's the second article in the series.

If you are at all interested in Chris-Craft boats, you know that one of the must have books is *Chris-Craft: The Essential Guide*, written by Jerry Conrad. This book uses official Chris-Craft documentation (now housed at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, VA) to provide specification for every model Chris-Craft built.

Each page in the book provides a picture of the model, and detailed info on each model including hull numbers, physical specs, and any special notes.

However, for those of us interested in Stingers, there is one problem with the book - it only lists models into the 1970s. Thus, there is no info on Stingers in the book.

This has bothered me. Therefore, I have decided to create pages for the Stingers myself. In the next couple of newsletters, I am going to present two pages, or models, each newsletter. In this issue, you will find pages for the Stinger 230 and 260s - hope you enjoy!

## 22' Chris-Craft Stinger 230XL: 1984

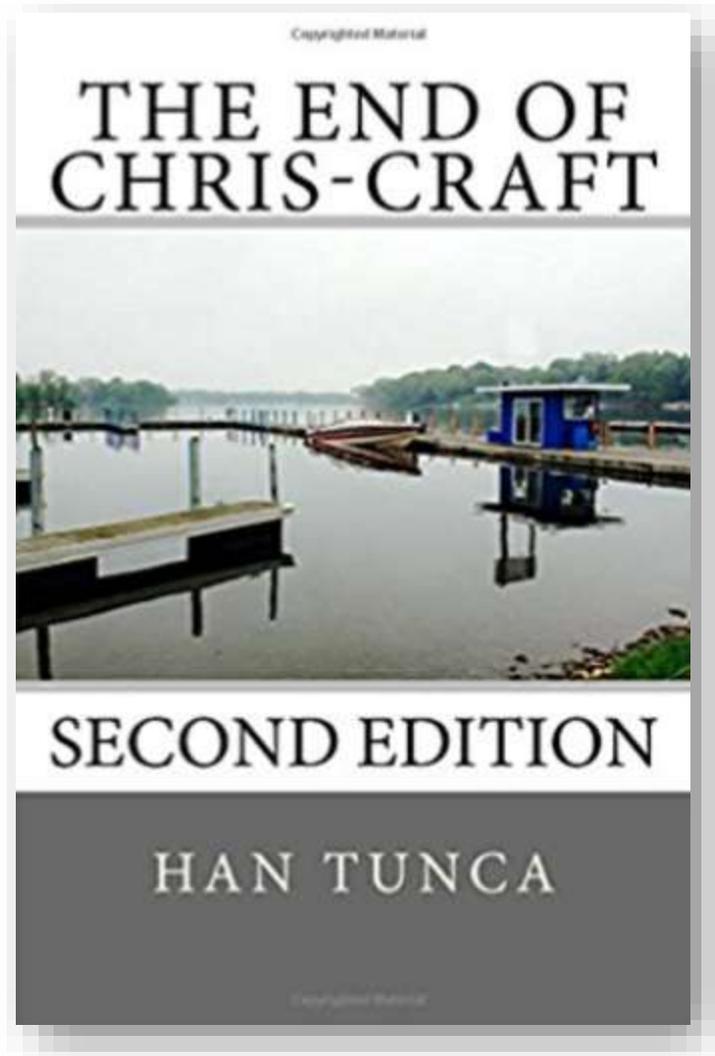


<b>Division</b>	Chris-Craft Sports Boat, Inc.	<b>Special Notes</b> The hull model code for Stinger 230s was shared with Scorpion 230s. The hull numbers listed and number of hulls in this section are inclusive of the Scorpion 230s  While the brochures list a Stinger 230XL, and show pictures with Stinger logos on the hull, the model name on the transom is listed as a Scorpion 230. 1984 is the only year the Stinger 230 shows up in the brochures.
<b>Hull no. series</b>	CCBBE037M84A- CCBBE431M84K	
<b>No. of hulls built</b>	431	
<b>Length</b>	22' 2"	
<b>Beam</b>	8'	
<b>Weight</b>	3,476 lbs.	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	70 gals.	
<b>Fresh Water Capacity</b>	8 gals.	
<b>Hull Material</b>	Fiberglass	
<b>Exterior Colors</b> Black, buff		
<b>Engines</b> 1 260 HP Mercruiser		

## 26' Chris-Craft Stinger 260: 1979-1989



<b>Division</b>	Chris-Craft Sports Boat, Inc.	<b>Special Notes</b> The hull model code for Stinger 260s was shared with Scorpion 260s. The hull numbers listed and number of hulls in this section are inclusive of the Scorpion 260s  A Limited series was offered with special color options.  A Designer series was offered with special color options.  Hull numbers beginning with ZGR were built by Grew Manufacturing in Canada under license from Chris-Craft.  On July 26, 2009, The History Channel featured an episode of Pawn Stars titled "Sink or Sell" that featured a 1984 Chris-Craft Stinger 260SL.
<b>Hull no. series</b>	CCBAF009M79J- CCBAF110H889 ZGR45002M686- ZGR45014M787	
<b>No. of hulls built</b>	971	
<b>Length</b>	26'5"	
<b>Beam</b>	8'	
<b>Weight</b>	5,424-5,764 lbs.	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	135 gals.	
<b>Fresh Water Capacity</b>	8 gals.	
<b>Hull Material</b>	Fiberglass	
<b>Exterior Colors</b>	Blue, black, brown, buckskin, buff, burgundy, gray, light gray, ivory, red, tan, taupe, white	
<b>Engines</b>	1 454 Mercruiser 2 260 HP Mercruiser 2 300 HP Mercruiser 2 260 HP OMC	



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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: 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 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

	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1984 260</b>  <b>Location: Willsboro, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$4,000</b></p> <p>1984 Chris Craft stinger model 260 SL. Twin Mercruiser 260 HP engines. Both engines run very good but one needs a new carburetor</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1984 312</b>  <b>Location: Lake Lanier, GA</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$12,500</b></p> <p>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 tittle. Current registration</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1984 390</b>  <b>Location: San Antonio, TX</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$49,500</b></p> <p>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</p>

	<p>is gaining value and more notoriety every day. It can be yours!</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1985 260</b>  <b>Location: Orlando, FL</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$7,250</b></p> <p>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</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 222</b>  <b>Location: Brockport, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$6,995</b></p> <p>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.</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 312</b>  <b>Location: Indianapolis, IN</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$21,500</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</p>

	<p>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: 1987 415</b>  <b>Location: Pasadena, MD</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$20,000</b></p> <p>1987 Chris-Craft Stinger 415, High performance Cruiser. Runs excellent. Repowered 10 years ago with twin Gen VI 502 ci 435HP V8s. Uses regular gas. TRS drives were also replaced with new TRS drives with nose cones. Gimbal housings were also rebuilt with repower. Gil header system. Hired electronic fuel injection system. Mercathode corrosion inhibitor system. Fresh water-cooling. Velvet drives. Teflon Bottom paint, Cabin water heater. Large porta potti. Spacious cabin \$20000. No scams please!</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1988 202</b>  <b>Location: Rochester, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$8,000</b></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 for it. I even just filled the tank with ethanol free 93-octane fuel. I'm probably</p>

	<p>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><b>Model: 1988 260</b>  <b>Location: Kingston, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$4,500</b></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><b>Model: 1988 311</b>  <b>Location: La Mesa, CA</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$27,500</b></p> <p>31 FEET LONG CENTER CONSOLE FISHING BOAT SOLID HULL IN GREAT SHAPE NO CRACKS BLEMISHES OR SOFT SPOTS, NONE LIKE IT, BRAND NEW CUSHIONS, BRAND NEW WIRING BATTERIES SWITCHES GAUGES FUSES FRESH BOTTOM PAINT. TRIPLE AXLE ALUMINUM TRAILER VERY LIGHT STURDY. TWO YAMAHA 200HP OUTBOARDS FULLY SERVICED TOP TO BOTTOM STAINLESS STEEL PROPS hull trailer and motors all 1988.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1988 312 Fittipaldi</b>  <b>Location: Chesterfield Township, MI</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$24,995</b></p> <p>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.</p>



**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 415**  
**Location: Sparrow Point, MD**  
**Asking Price: \$15,000**

Needs little TLC runs good. TRS Gil Exhaust 420 HP Chevy's. One on left No more pic's as of now am trying to get more. Was bought in Mich. Name is Size Matters still on it.



**Model: 1987 202**  
**Location: Orlando, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$6,000**

87 Murray Chris Craft Stinger 202, 4.3 Mercruiser, Last in the water in 2008 and ran fine then. Been parked since. Clear title in hand. \$6000.00 or best reasonable offer.



**Model: 1985 260**  
**Location: Columbus, OH**  
**Asking Price: \$10,000**

Really fast power boat.. Has two 350 motors 560 hp Sink, mini frig.. Sound system with 10' woofers and amp And much more.. Asking \$10,000 o.b.o



**Model: 1988 313**  
**Location: Miami, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$6,000**

1988 312 chris craft stinger center console. I purchased from original owner. Boat has been kept on trailer and lift entire life. Transom is solid needs floor redone, possible stringers. Everything is there. Console, cushions etc. triple axle aluminum trailer. Excellent start for a project boat. I planned to restore but just don't have the time. Have clear N.C. titles for boat and trailer This is for boat and trailer only. Motors have been removed



**Model: 1987 202**  
**Location: Atlanta, GA**  
**Asking Price: \$4,000**

Chris craft stinger built in 1986 . length 20' boat and trailer  
BOAT TRAILER 1988 . BT good running condition just needs  
to be clean. Thanks.



**Model: 1986 260**  
**Location: Keswick, ON, Canada**  
**Asking Price: \$2,500**

For sale. 86 260 stinger. Parting out. Hull the way it sits.  
1000\$. Obo Needs a transom. All interior included. Full  
camper top, not that old. 800\$ Swim platform, steel  
construction good shape 500\$ Magic load all aluminum  
trailer, bunk no roller. 2200\$ Pair of alpha one drives. 750\$  
each Pair of 350 magnums. 270 hp. New plugs, new tune  
up kit. One has a brand new starter. New wires. New  
manifold gaskets. Both were running good when removed.  
1100\$ each Sure there is stuff I'm missing that I have.



**Model: 1988 375**  
**Location: Freeport, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$16,000**

Is there any interested in a 1988 375 Stinger complete No  
motors THINKING of selling. I do have a trailer but would  
sell separate if I do sell. Yeah 2 engine TRS drives velvet  
drive transmissions. around 16,000 but open. In Maryland.



**Model: 1988 312**  
**Location: Strugeon Bay, WI**  
**Asking Price: \$29,500**

Clean, high performance Chris -Craft. Highly tuned Ford  
460 blocks with King Cobra stern drives putting out 500  
horse power each. Triple axle trailer included!