



## March, 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to the March, 2019 newsletter.

Activity has picked up on the website as the boating season approaches. Three more Stinger were added to the registry last month bringing the total to 916.

New this month is a 1987 Stinger 314 which has been added to the for-sale section of the website. You can see more info on the website or in the for-sale section of the newsletter below.

Until next month,  
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## Gordon Houser Passes Away

It's with a heavy heart that I'm reporting the passing of Gordon Houser. Gordon passed away on March 1. He was 88.

Gordon Houser was a well-known personality in the boating industry, having worked for many famous boat companies.

Gordon got his start in the boating industry working for the Thompson Boat Company in 1954. When the Thompson Boat Company was acquired by Chris-Craft in 1962, Gordon transferred to Chris-Craft.

At Chris-Craft, Gordon was head of advertising and public relations in the late 1970's, before Chris-Craft was bought by Dick Genth and Dale Murray. Gordon stayed on with Chris-Craft after the purchase, only leaving Chris-Craft when Genth departed. Gordon followed Genth to Donzi.

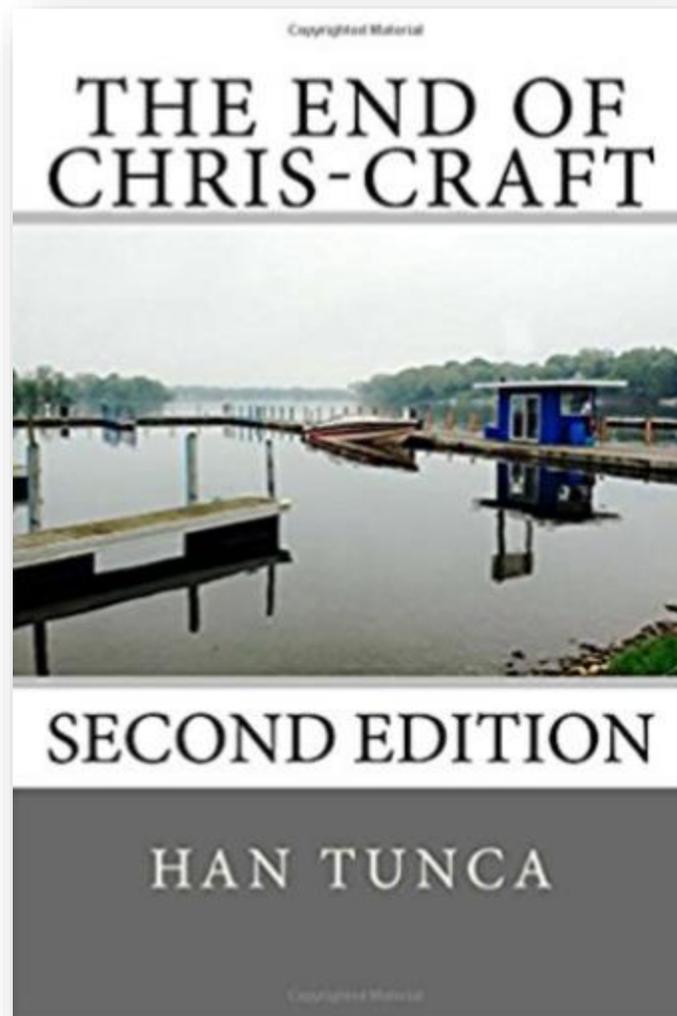
At Donzi, Gordon served as both president and CEO of the company until it was bought by OMC.

In addition to working for Chris-Craft and Donzi, Gordon also worked for Wellcraft and Genmar.

In 2004, Gordon, with two others, formed Wolfpack Marketing, targeting companies both in and out of the boating industry.

In 2011, the Marine Marketers of America awarded the first lifetime Neptune Award to Gordon Houser. In presenting the award, the MMA had this to say of Gordon: "'Gordon Houser is an industry trailblazer who helped to transform recreational boating into a multibillion-dollar industry that serves more than 10 million boat owners.'"

Gordon Houser and his contributions to the boating industry will always be remembered.



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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: 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: 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 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: Tavares, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$15,000**

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.



**Model: 1986 312**  
**Location: Schererville, IN**  
**Asking Price: \$25,000**

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



**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: 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" I rear stringer replaced, a new 36" w x 72" I 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 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: 1986 202**  
**Location: Willow Beach, ON, Canada**  
**Asking Price: \$7,000**

Offshore style boat, a downsized copy of the championship 1984/5 apba raceboat in florida. It has a 200 hp merc engine with alpha outdrive. the engine and drive have approx. 300 hrs on them--original engine and drive. the units were winterized every year and the engine was treated with polymere tefone oil additives every 3rd oil change to minimize wear. The compression was checked at the end of each season and showed no reduction. This would be a good project boat for someone. The interior seats and sides need recovering



due to animal damage this winter. The hull is solid but gelcoat has some cracks (not the glass) the drive has a modified none invasive stainless steal planing plate with a high performance polished stainless merc turbo prop. This boat is quite fast due to a light hull and a v-6 engine with almost the same hp as a v-8 but the v-6 engine saves about 400 lbs of wieght.The combination has very good milage for an inboard outbordThe boat is on a trailer with new rubber It is best to call for more info due to issues with internet signall at my location.



**Model: 1984 260**  
**Location: KY**  
**Asking Price: \$12,000**

1984 Chris Craft Stinger 260 Limited Edition, twin 350's with alpha outdrives with 531 hours, stainless steel props , fiberglass swim platform with ladder Length 26'4 1/2" Beam 96" Fuel Capacity 128 gals Fresh Water Capacity 8 gals 1 owner with clean Kentucky title Boat has been very well maintained, has been kept in garage 90% of its life, cover has always been kept on it, was used in Kentucky. Ready for the water. This boat was bought new in Sarasota and taken back to Kentucky. Now for the trailer: It's an aluminum Tandem Performance Trailer with 6500lbs axels New tires New wheels New springs