



## May, 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the May, 2020 newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, 3 more Stingers have been added to the registry, bringing the total to 976.

One of the Stingers added this month is a 1989 Stinger 385 – one of the last Stingers to be produced. It recently came up for sale in New York and you can see it in the for-sale section below and on the website.

Until next month,  
Han

## Chris-Craft Delays Expansion Plans

In the third edition of my book, [\*The End of Chris-Craft\*](#), I examine the

purchase of Chris-Craft by RV builder Winnebago. This examination looked back at Winnebago's past purchases, and how it affected those companies that were purchased. One of the conclusions I came to, with regards to Chris-Craft, is that Winnebago's commitment to Chris-Craft would be tested during the next economic contraction. Little did I know when writing that book just how soon that would happen.

The Covid-19 Pandemic, and the slowdown of the economy, is detrimental for most companies selling non-essential, big-ticket items. By purchasing Chris-Craft, Winnebago consolidated its product mix in such items, rather than diversifying in order to weather trying times. By concentrating their

product mix, Winnebago has risked their revenue stream during downturns.

During Winnebago's Q2 2020 earnings call which took place in March, Chris-Craft announced that it was suspending manufacturing in all of its divisions including Chris-Craft. In addition, Winnebago decided to halt plans for expanding Chris-Craft's production capacity in Florida. This expansion, announced during the Q3 2019 earnings call, would have added 80,000 sq ft of manufacturing capacity to the Sarasota plant.

This is unfortunate news for Chris-Craft. Hopefully, boat sales will rebound sooner rather than later, and Chris-Craft can then resume its expansion plans.

# The End of Chris-Craft Third Edition



Han Tunca



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

*"Sure that anyone interested in this iconic builder would like it."*

[Now Available on Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

## 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" 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 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: 1986 222**  
**Location: Ontario, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$5,000**

222 stinger, fresh water only. 350 MerCruiser alpha drive. Motor is fresh! Gil offshore exhaust aluminum intake Holley 600 double pumper. Stainless prop. This is a very rare Hull! Has a triple bolster drives from the center. Nice cuddy cabin Bimini cover anchor lines and bumpers

	<p>included. Hull is solid and dry... Double axle trailer in great shape could use some paint but very solid. Serious inquiries only! B. O.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1989 385</b>  <b>Location: Patchogue, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$16,995</b></p> <p>1989 38' CHRIS CRAFT STINGER 385 BOATYARD OWNED- Shrink-Wrapped for 3 years. Mercruiser 415HP 454MAG MPI x 2 unknown hours. 2016 2 new Bravo 1 drives, 2017 replaced rear motor mounts, instal block off plates, replace Y-pipes x2, 2 NEW TRANSOME ASSEMBLY,starter x2 , TUNE-UP x 2-16 plugs,wires,cap and rotor, complete cool fuel system x2 plus corrosion mitigation, replaced raw water impellers x2, oil pressure sending units x2, trim tab and drive indicator cables x4, oil and filter and fuel filter x 2. Boat was in the water for 3 months used once and winterized and wrapped for 3 years. Boat will need some tinkering, cleaning, compound wax and maybe some bottom paint. Boat does have AC, SORRY NO TRAILER.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1987 314</b>  <b>Location: Long Island, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$15,999</b></p> <p>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 canvas cover \$1000 Huge cabin with sink and ice box 2 sets of the Bridgeport / 300 xs cowling stickers.</p>



**Model: 1984 312**  
**Location: Sunrise Beach, MO**  
**Asking Price: \$13,000**

I am selling my 1984 ChrisCraft 312 Stinger. It has twin 454's and TRS drives. The boat is ready for the water, engines and drives work great. It has appx 990 hours on the hour meters. I removed the arch but still have it to go with the boat. The trailer is NOT included for 13000.00. If you want the trailer it's an additional 2500.00. The trailer has 2 6000 lb axles and brand new load range E tires and new hubs and new electric brakes. It hauls the boat OK but could use some attention with the bunks to fit the boat better. My intention was to keep the boat at the my marina on a lift but the marina does not have a slip available. I have clean titles for the boat and trailer. Please don't ask if it is still available or just tell me 'I'm interested', I will just delete the message. If you have a legitimate question and are interested in buying a classic boat, then ask it.



**Model: 1988 375**  
**Location: Vancouver, BC, Canada**  
**Asking Price: \$20,000**

This is a very rare Chris Craft Stinger 375 Offshore These boats were used in the early Miami Vice TV series and the earlier models were employed by the US DEA Force for chasing "Bad Guys" The boat features full stand up head room in the cabin plus an enclosed stand up head. two way fridge sink TV circular lounge seating forward v berth stereo shore power custom lighting opening portal hatches . Cockpit has drop down bolsters full gauge package trim indicators gaffrig controls throttle mounted trim switches garmin electronics Vessel is available with or without fresh Hi performance marine engines Bravo ones with showers thru hull with silent choice This boat is WAVE CRUSHER and not for the faint of heart



**Model: 1989 385**  
**Location: Lake Havasu, AZ**  
**Asking Price: \$40,000**

Luxury Powerboat. 1987 37 CHRIS-CRAFT STINGER sold w/ TWIN Xtreme SCX Drives and (NO Engines)... There was no expenses spared! Here is your chance to own this amazing Chris-craft powerboat.This boat been completely restored with new drives new cabin and a lot more . Also powered with a pair of Huntsville Engines 540ci motors

	<p>with 20hour can be purchased with the boat plz ask for extra price..This boat has always been in storage inside ,and fully serviced and with a custom nice triple-axel trailer and.This boat is ready with MOTORS or NO MOTORS .. "Dont miss out"! .</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1987 202</b> <b>Location: East Troy, WI</b> <b>Asking Price: \$7,000</b></p> <p>For sale is a 1988 Chris-Craft Stinger 202 with a 4.3 Merc engine and stern drive. Fast and light boat. Very rare. Dual axle trailer. Center steering cockpit. Updated interior and some of original interior included. Only selling to get a bigger boat.</p>