



**Welcome to the  
April, 2018  
Newsletter**

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This past month 3 more Stingers were added to the registry, including a 375 located in Miami, FL. The 375s were some of the last Stingers built and featured Chris-Craft's "European" styling which still looks fresh today. You can see the new 375 added to the registry below in the "boats for sale" section of the newsletter.

Also of note this month, a Stinger 415 out of Maryland, that has been listed for a while on the website, recently sold! The new owner contacted me to let me know he bought it after seeing it on chriscraftstingers.com. It will be exciting to watch the progress of this boat with its new owner.

If you are interested in selling your Stinger, please consider listing it on chriscraftstingers.com - it's free, and will be featured in the newsletter that goes out to close to 300 people monthly.

Until next month,  
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**Kia Stinger  
Commercial -  
Coincidence or  
Not?**

On Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Kia debuted an advertisement for it's new Stinger model during the 2018 Super Bowl. The advertisement featured Emerson Fittipaldi driving the new Kia Stinger around a racetrack.



For Chris-Craft Stinger aficionados, Kia's advertisement is interesting for a couple of reasons. First, Kia has resurrected the Stinger name on a performance model. Second, Emerson Fittipaldi! Driving a Stinger! Driving a Red Stinger!



Of course, this is interesting because in the late 1980s Emerson Fittipaldi teamed up with Chris-Craft to produce a limited edition model of the Stinger 312 called the Fittipaldi Equipe 312 Stinger. The limited edition Stinger was painted all red and included special Fittipaldi emblems. (To read more about the Fittipaldi Stingers, see the [July, 2014 Newsletter](#)).

So when the Kia Stinger commercial was aired, the first question that comes to mind is: Was Kia aware of Emerson's connection to the Chris-Craft Stingers? Or was it just a coincidence?

With this question in mind, I decided to find out. I did some research and found out that the commercial was created by the [David & Goliath](#) (DNG) advertising agency. I reached out to DNG to find out if they were aware of Emerson's connection to the Chris-Craft Stingers. After talking to a few people at DNG, the official response came back that *"Emerson Fillipaldi's participation in the commercial for Kia's Stinger had nothing to do with his previous relationship with the Stinger boat from Chris Craft as the two have more than 30 years separating them."*

After receiving the initial response, I was still interested in finding out how Emerson had come to work with Kia on the commercial. Again, after going through some back-and-forth emails, the unofficial story is that Emerson had connected with Kia at an auto show and had hit it off.

And indeed, this unofficial story seems to be true as

PR Newswire [reported](#) that in November, 2017, Emerson Fittipaldi got his first drifting experience in in a Kia Stinger GT. According to the article, Emerson said "I am so happy to see Kia taking on performance in such a huge way. I love its looks and, more importantly, the way it drives."

So that's how Emerson Fittipaldi ended up working with Kia. And while DNG says that they weren't aware of Emerson's Chris-Craft Stinger connection, the question now is did Emerson himself know?

I'd like to be able to say that I was able to talk to Emerson. I did request information from him via his official website, but have not yet received an answer. Without an answer, I have to believe that he was aware of the fact that, yet again, his name was associated with a Stinger. But until I hear back from him, I can't be sure.

### **Chris-Craft: The Essential Guide - Stinger Edition #3**

*In the February 2018 newsletter, I started a series of articles titled "The Essential Guide - Stinger Edition". Here's*

*the third 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 311 and 312s - hope you enjoy!

## 32' Chris-Craft Stinger 311: 1980-1988



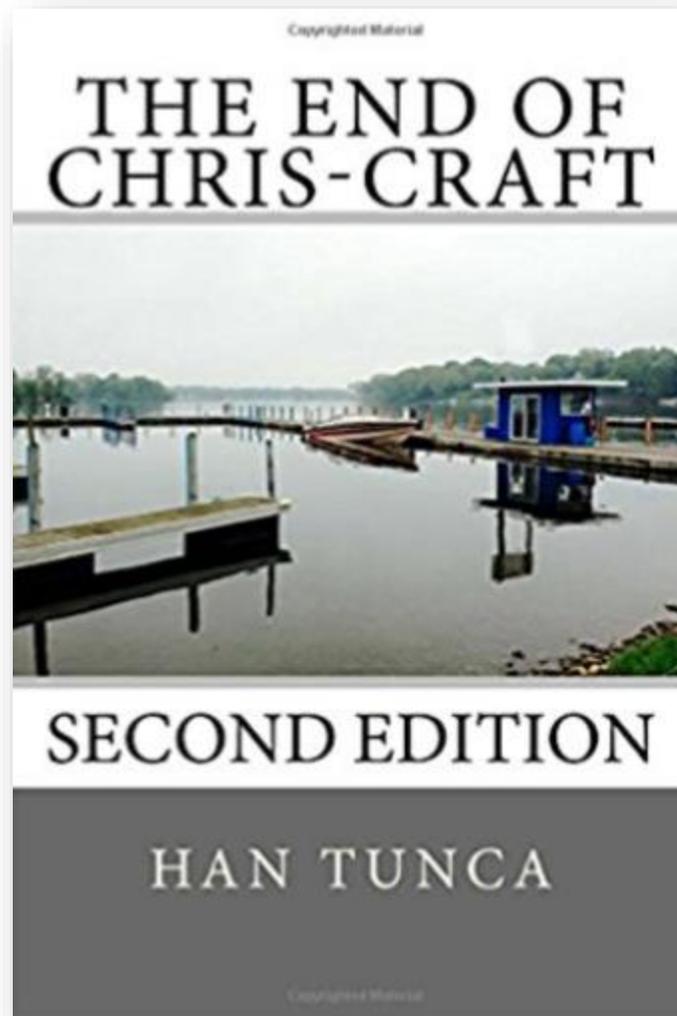
<b>Division</b>	Chris-Craft Sports Boat, Inc.	<b>Special Notes</b> The hull model code for Stinger 311s was shared with Scorpion 311s. The hull numbers listed and number of hulls in this section are inclusive of the Scorpion 311s  The Stinger 311 and Stinger 313s were identical except that the outboard engines on the 311s were mounted on the transom as opposed to a bracket.  A Designer series was offered with special color options.  Weight of boat listed in this section does not include the weight of the outboard engines.
<b>Hull no. series</b>	CCBAJ002M80C- CCBAJ147B888	
<b>No. of hulls built</b>	457	
<b>Length</b>	31' 6"	
<b>Beam</b>	8'	
<b>Weight</b>	4,260 lbs.	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	180 gals.	
<b>Fresh Water Capacity</b>	0 gals.	
<b>Hull Material</b>	Fiberglass	
<b>Exterior Colors</b> Blue, gray, red, white		
<b>Engines</b>		

## 32' Chris-Craft Stinger 312: 1979-1989



<b>Division</b>	Chris-Craft Sports Boat, Inc.	<b>Special Notes</b> A Fittipaldi Equipé version was offered in 1987-1988 featuring Fittipaldi graphics and emblems. Fittipaldi versions were red exterior, red interior with black accents.  A Competition Series was offered in 1984-1985 featuring higher horsepower engines and different hull construction.  A 1984 Stinger 312 won the Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase race sponsored by Powerboat magazine in 1984.  A Fittipaldi Equipé Stinger 312 was featured in the 1988 movie Tequila Sunrise.  A Limited series was offered with special color options.  A Designer series was offered with special color options.
<b>Hull no. series</b>	CCBAG00079L - CCBAG106H889	
<b>No. of hulls built</b>	522	
<b>Length</b>	31'6"	
<b>Beam</b>	8'	
<b>Weight</b>	6,854 - 7,185 lbs.	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	155 gals.	
<b>Fresh Water Capacity</b>	8 gals.	
<b>Hull Material</b>	Fiberglass	
<b>Exterior Colors</b>	Black, blue, buff, light grey, red, tan, white	
<b>Engines</b>	2 330 HP Mercruiser 2 370 HP Mercruiser 2 400 HP Mercruiser 2 420 HP Mercruiser 2 440 HP Mercruiser 2 460 HP Mercruiser 3 340 OMC	

	<p>The hull model code for Stinger 312s was shared with Scorpion 312s. The hull numbers listed and number of hulls in this section are inclusive of the Scorpion 312s</p>
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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: Medford, 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: 1988 375**  
**Location: MD**  
**Asking Price: \$16,000**

2 engine TRS drives velvet drive transmissions. around 16,000 but open. In Maryland.



**Model: 1984 260**  
**Location: Hagerstown, MD**  
**Asking Price: \$11,000**

Chris Craft Stinger 260 is a 26 foot cigarette style boat with twin 260 horsepower V8 Mercruiser engines. The boat runs and drives beautifully and has plenty of power. The trailer is a 2012 Aluminum Load Rite trailer that is in almost new condition. The boat is available for sale without the trailer at a discounted price. If you want the boat only I will deliver within a reasonable distance. All reasonable offers will be considered.



**Model: 1986 260**  
**Location: Marcellus, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$4,500**

1986 Chris Craft Stinger 260. Twin mercruiser 260's w/ alpha one drives. Brand new alluminum props (21P). Both engines have fresh heads. New exhaust water shutters. Everything functions properly. interior showing age. Just text for more info and pics. Comes with homemade tandem axle trailer with new tires and all new wheel bearings. \$4500 obo or possible trades (need truck) interior needs TLC. Boat is winterized. No signs of any previous repair work. Floats and drives. Make me an offer, both engines and outdrives in good working condition. Need to sell asap



**Model: 1983 260**  
**Location: Rockport, IL**  
**Asking Price: \$13,400**

Here is a nice, usable older performance boat built by a legendary manufacturer, ChrisCraft. This ChrisCraft Stinger 260 is powered by 2 - Mercruiser 350 w/383 stroker with Mercruiser Alpha 1 outdrives. Engine was rebuilt with high performance parts. The Owner states that the motors were rebuilt about 20-30 hours ago, and many performance parts were added. The owner is a professional marine mechanic. He estimates that the motors now put out around 420 Horsepower each. Boat has Stainless steel Cleaver 23 pitch props that propel this boat to about 70MPH! The boat has a nice large sunpad on the back for lounging in the sun. The seating arrangement has a bench seat in the back, and a 2 person seat up front on the starboard side for the driver and a friend. The throttles are right handed controlled quicksilver brand. In the cabin area, there are 2 opposing seats and then a large V-berth that will sleep 2 people. There is a space for a portable toilet under the V-berth if you want to add one. There are several storage compartments in the cabin. The hourmeter shows 813 on the boat. This is a nice relatively inexpensive performance boat that with a little cleaning and cosmetic work, would look very nice. Information On Condition This boat is in average condition for the year, but with some cleaning and TLC, would be above average. The boat has not been used much in the last 3-5 years and the boat has sat inside for the last 14 years, but needs a cover. The boat is a little dirty and dusty, but will clean up nicely. The gelcoat is slightly faded, but will wax up nicely. There are some scratches you can see in the pictures, and the gelcoat is chipped off in one picture, but should not leak. The outside really just needs a bath and a wax and it will look above average. The cabin area is pretty nice. The fabric on the seats is blue velour and it looks good. The carpet needs to be cleaned. The cockpit area is average, with only a couple of rips in the vinyl. The dashboard needs attention as the wood veneer has peeled and looks poor. The Trailer looks to need some work if hauling on the highway. The brakes are not working and the tires are showing some age. There is surface rust on the trailer, but nothing bad. The trailer would be fine with new tires and brakes fixed.



**Model: 1986 222**  
**Location: Cocoa, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$11,000**

If you are in the market for a high performance, look no further than this 1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 222, just reduced to \$11,000 (offers encouraged). This boat is located in Cocoa, Florida and is in great condition. She is also equipped with a Mercruiser engine that has only 20 hours.



**Model: 1986 314**  
**Location: Huntington Station, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$7,500**

Twin 1997 Yamaha EFI 250 hp outboard motors With 208 hrs  
Tri axel trailer Ez project motors run started last season



**Model: 1988 202**  
**Location: Scottsboro, AL**  
**Asking Price: \$900**

88 Chris craft stinger 202 with a mercruiser 175. Engine runs great, however the interior needs to be replaced. Trailer not included, asking 900 OBO.



**Model: 1988 311**  
**Location: Stuart, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$10,500**

1988 31' Chris Craft Stinger sold AS IS for \$10,500 Twin 2003 Evinrude 250's. The boat and motors needs some work done. Therefore, there will be no test run. Comes with trailer (needs tires)



**Model: 1988? 375**  
**Location: Miami, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$30,000**

Chris-Craft Stinger 38 foot, possible trade for Cabin Cruiser asking \$30,000