



**August, 2019
Newsletter**

Welcome to the August, 2019 newsletter.

August already? Can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. Eight(!) boats were added to the registry this past month. This brings the total to 939 Stingers in the registry. It amazes me that I keep finding more of the Stingers, but am always happy to do so.

With the end of the summer coming, it's typically not the best time to sell a boat, but I do see activity. A good amount of people are reaching out to me inquiring about the boats for sale on the website. If you are interested in listing yours for sale, just contact me at ccstinger@gmail.com.

Your boat will be added to the for-sale section of the

website and included in the monthly newsletter.

Until next month,
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**Follow-up on the
Kynex Stinger**

The May and June newsletters featured an article titled "The Real Story of the Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase" written by ex-Chris-Craft president Ernest Schmidt. In the articles, Ernest described what it was like to be on the Stinger 312 Competition Series boat that won the race. Because of the boat's distinctive paint (and/or decals), the boat is known as the Kynex Stinger 312.



After reading the articles, the first question that comes to mind is whether or not the Kynex Stinger is still around, and if so how to identify it. I asked Ernest this very question and his response was:

Not sure how to identify the original 312 Stinger that made the race. It was originally sold to our dealer in LA who picked it up after the race. Not sure on the history of it after that. One way to determine it might be that it was the only balsa cored 312 ever built.

In 2005, a 1985 Stinger 312 came up for sale. The Stinger had the same hull markings as the boat used in the race as seen below.



Over the years, I've been in touch with an ex-owner of this boat. The ex-owner claims that this is indeed the boat used in the Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase, and he backed up the claim with convincing evidence. One piece of evidence cited was that boat had a "lighter layup," thus identifying the Stinger as a Competition Series boat.

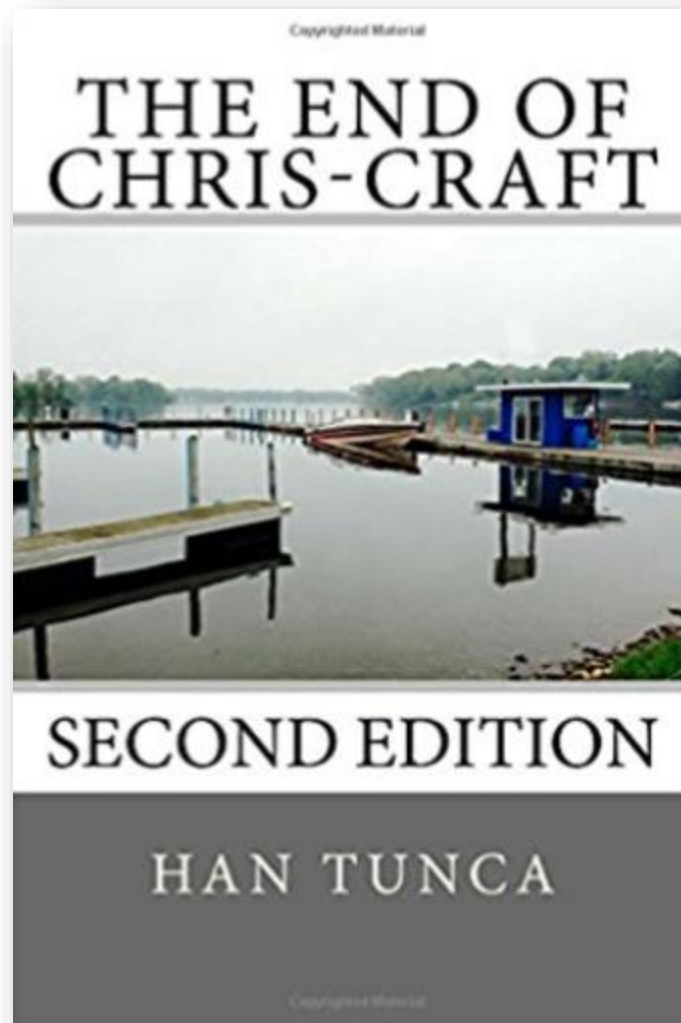
After 2005, the boat changed hands a couple of times until it ended up in an auction in 2018. Final bid on the auction was

around \$4,000. After the auction, the boat was listed for sale in 2019 on Craigslist for \$85,000, with the ad making the claim that this was indeed the boat used in the race.

As to the condition of the boat, it's not great. There's a lot of work to be done on the boat to get it back to factory condition. I truly hope someone buys the boat and does a quality restoration on it.

Finally, my opinion on whether or not this is the actual boat used in the

race. I'm a little hesitant to say for sure that it is, only because there is no definitive proof. Definitive proof for me would be documents from the race showing the actual hull number of the boat used in the race. Barring that evidence, I do lean towards the opinion that this is the actual boat used in the race. Whether or not it is, it's still a special boat, and I plan on keeping updated on it's story going forward.



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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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 1984 260
Location: Riverton, NJ
Asking Price: \$18,500

1984 Chris Craft Stinger 260 Twin 383 strokers Alpha drives New batteries Through hull exhaust Interior all redone recent paint also Cabin could use update All gauges work no issues at all with boat I take it out every weekend, don't need to sell it just testing the waters out \$18,500 obo



Model: 1988 312
Location: Detroit, MI
Asking Price: \$29,900

A Chris Craft go fast!! 1989 Chris Craft Stinger 312 Powered by Twin Mercruiser 454s with Bravo 1 outdrives. Boat is in excellent shape. Was stored out of the water indoors most of its life. Just moved onto a canal this summer so time to make a change. Extremely clean, all upholstery in excellent shape. Adjustable captains and passenger bolstered seats. Dual batteries with dual switches. Fire suppression system. Built in porta potty. Sink, ice box. Sony Bluetooth radio. Has new cockpit and full body covers. Fire up and go. TONS more pictures if needed. Currently winterized and wrapped but available

	<p>to see really anytime. Off season asking 29900 for Boat AND Trailer. Will sell boat only if someone doesn't need the trailer. Boat does include the trailer. I have a new triple axle Aluminum trailer as seen in photos.</p>
	<p>Model: 1987? 202 Location: Kalamazoo, MI Asking Price: \$3,997</p> <p>Chris Craft Stinger 202, 20' with trailer, New interior, New Battery,</p>
	<p>Model: 1985 260 Location: Saginaw, MI Asking Price: \$6,000</p> <p>Needs some work. I don't have time I'm leaving for the marines in 2 months as much as I love the boat it needs to be gone I won't use it for the next 4 years</p>
	<p>Model: 1987 202 Location: East Troy, WI Asking Price: \$7,000</p> <p>Very nice low hours 535 chris craft stinger 202 21ft speed boat. Boat has 4.3 with alpa one drive . Including with boat is the 2 props ...19 and 21.... trailer ... one anchor with and rope.... also for have a complete 5.7 that I was going to put in but did not get to \$7000 obo cash only trade that I would consider is a wakeboard boat thanks.</p>
	<p>Model: 1989? 222 Location: Lappeenranta, Finland Asking Price:</p> <p>To the next fast frame.... The boat can be sold either without technology or With the current technology 357 403 HP Bravo 1 or 5.0 Vortec and Alpha one 1 Gen 2 or Jotenkii Semmoi.... Peaks over there 357 + 60 knots The price depends on the configuration.... Trailer possible to buy also included.... Harbour cover Refurbished-18 Decorating Skins Refurbished-17</p>
	<p>Model: 1987 202 Location: Kingston, NH</p>



Asking Price: \$8,500

Rare Chris Craft Stinger Speedboat Ocean Racer. Condition is used. length overall (LOA): 21 propulsion type: power 1987 Chris Craft Stinger 202. 3 seat ocean racer. Excellent condition! Up graded re-power to a 350 Merc cruiser! Custom designed interior, woodwork and upholstery. Motor built by watts racing. 60 + MPH. Trailer included. Always winterized and well cared for. Maintenance done by Anderson marine. This boat is fantastic! Low hours on it. \$8500.00



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