



**Welcome to the December, 2017 Newsletter**

The end of the year is upon us. It's cold, dark and dreary this time of the year in Chicago. Thinking about everything that needs to get done on the boat, and next year's boating season keeps me going.

Two more Stingers were added to the registry last month, bringing the total to 873. I believe we will top 900 Stingers in the registry in 2018.

Happy Holidays,  
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**City Slicker Wins Best Non-Wood Boat Award**

City Slicker is a rather unique 1985 Chris-Craft Stinger 312. I first saw this boat listed for sale in 2010 in Toledo, Ohio. The listing at the time said that the owner was the original owner of the boat. A one-owner Stinger is rare enough, but what made the boat more interesting to me was the unique color/graphics (non-factory) scheme and a spoiler on the nose of the boat – the only time I've ever seen a front spoiler! (And I'll admit, I'm a fan of that front spoiler as it reminds me of one of my favorite cars and other 1980s icon: a Lamborghini Countach with front spoiler.)



In addition to these two features, the boat was in exceptional condition – one of the cleanest Stingers I've seen.

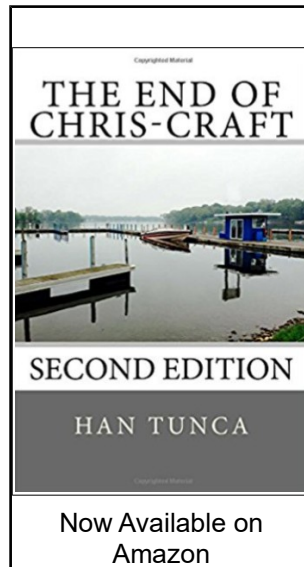
After the boat had been listed for sale in 2010, it was relisted by the second owner in 2016. In 2017 I received an e-mail from the current owner, telling me he had bought the boat. According to the current owner, the boat was painted in 1986 and has only 366 original hours on it. In addition, the original owner made modifications to the engines as well.



This past month, the current owner let me know that he had entered the boat into 3 boat shows around the Detroit area, including the Antique Boat Show and Vintage Festival that took place August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Port Sanilac, MI. The show is put on by the Michigan Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. The show featured antique cars, boats and trailers. He also let me know that City Slicker won the award for Best Non-Wood Boat! Congrats! Great to see such a beautiful boat get an award it deserves.



For more pictures of this special Stinger, head over to the gallery page of the website and search for "[City Slicker](#)".



## 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 well as 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 coat 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: 1983 390  
Location: El Dorado, AR  
Asking Price: \$20,000

7/19/2017: READ THIS AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE YOU CALL! VERY FIRM ON PRICE! CASH ONLY! PHONE CALLS ONLY! Special order twin 454 420 HP Mercruiser engines. Port engine runs great. Starboard engine runs but needs work. (Low knocking sound) TRS outdrives. 2 extra props. Like new custom built trailer. Will sell boat without trailer for \$14,000 but will not sell trailer without boat. This is an awesome boat for incredibly low amount of money. Will deliver for extra. Price will depend on distance.



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: \$2,900

26ft Chris-Craft Stinger 1984 with two Mercruiser 350cu.in. 260hp motors I/O's Drives are off boat. The boat is blocked up. No trailer. Needs work but is a beast of a boat that will do 60mph. Come and look at it and make an offer.



Model: 1984 312  
Location: Lake Lanier, GA  
Asking Price: \$12,500

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 title. Current registration



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 where ever 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: 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: \$6,995

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 hasn't 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 312  
Location: Indianapolis, IN  
Asking Price: \$21,500

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 314  
Location: Belvidere, IL  
Asking Price: \$21,000

UP FOR SALE IS A 1986 CHRIS CRAFT STINGER 314S CIGARETTE BOAT. IT IS CURRENTLY SHRINK WRAPPED TO KEEP THE WEATHER OFF HER. INCLUDED IS A TRIPLE AXLE TRAILER THAT HAS BEEN SANDBLASTED AND PRIMED. READY FOR REPAINT. TIRES ARE EDGY BUT SHOULD HOLD AIR. THIS BOAT IS SET UP FOR 2 OUTBOARDS PREFERABLY ABOVE 150HP. WAS TOLD IT HAD SOME REWIRING.



Model: 1987 415  
Location: Pasadena, MD  
Asking Price: \$20,000

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!



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 speed boat 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 on using 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 Shorelandr 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 foot boards 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 axle 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 311  
Location: La Mesa, CA  
Asking Price: \$27,500

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.



Model: 1988 311  
Location: Surfside Beach, TX  
Asking Price: \$14,500

This boat sank at the dock, and the front end went under in salt for a few hours. The console and back half remained dry, but at minimum the batteries, forward cabin wires and bow lighting wires must be replaced. This set of Mercury 2000 Optimax 225 engines are missing certain components – one compressor, one control module, but the cowlings are good, the lower units are perfect, and the stainless steel Mercury Vengeance propellers are included. Hours are unknown; these were taken off of a different boat. Project package includes the 8 foot wide HERMCO flotation bracket with swim ladder, plus Bennett trim tabs. There is a nice storage box across the back for gaffs, nets, spare filters, etc. Regarding the back end, the transom and floor were replaced in 2011, and there is now an abundance of Penske board under that pretty finish. The rock solid transom was raised to full height and its four inches thick. The plywood cored floor was replaced with Penske board, and now includes four in-floor holds. Includes rear jump seats to provide comfortable seating for four people at the back end. There are 12 seating positions on this boat, and 27 rod holders. A FURUNO 24 mile radar is mounted on the hard top, along with Lee outrigger bases and 15 foot outriggers. The forward half of the boat has spray rails, which are very effective in keeping everyone dry. There is also a FURUNO fish finder with flush-mounted Airmar transducer, Stereo, VHF and GPS unit. Overhead are 5 rocket launchers, a large electronics box, a hailing horn, LED spreader lights and accessory lighting. The full height Plexiglas windshield protects the helm, and there is also a 5-piece curtain set for when it gets rainy. Custom leaning post includes full width padding, four rod holders, 2 drink holders, 50 gallon live well with viewing window, 10 gallon fresh water tank, insulated storage for about 100 pounds of ice, and storage for trash. The boat has a remote control Go Light up front, but that was submerged and probably will not work. It rides on a year 2000 aluminum I-beam trailer. The forward cabin has room for two adults to stretch out for a nap, or use that area to store rods, tackle, water skis, gear and toys. The Aluminum I beam trailer has 2 axles, stout wooden bunks, tall guide posts and 2 new tires. Now for the bad: The insurance appraiser believes that the stringers are damaged somewhere near the middle of the boat, and they really should be replaced before this boat goes out bouncing through the Gulf chop. Easy fix: just cut the floor and attack/replace those from the top. If I had time and a workshop, I could do that myself in a couple of weeks, but I changed horses and bought a solid 28 foot boat instead. When this Stinger was running right, it could easily hit 50 mph on the GPS with two 200 horse outboards. It runs and rides a lot like other “go-fast boats” (think Contender, Baja, Whitewater, Donzi) and provides a very comfortable





ride. It is a deep V, with a 24° attack angle. The 170 gallon fuel tank is in good condition with no leaks, so the effective range with a pair of good engines is over 300 miles. Asking \$14,500 (estimate 6K for the engine pair, 2K for the Trailer, 6.5K on the hull - but would far rather sell the whole package) The boat is located in Surfside Beach, (near Freeport) Texas.



**Model: 1988 312 Fittipaldi**  
**Location: Chesterfield Township, MI**  
**Asking Price: \$24,995**

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.



**Model: 1988 375**  
**Location: Tampa, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$105,000**

1989 Chris Craft Stingers '38 ~ professionally restored in 2014 for my friend who lives in Austria. He no longer has the time to play with this magnificent boat and hence asked me to post it on Craigslist. 2 rebuilt Yanmar 315hp diesels with only 200 hours since rebuild. Comes with the trailer Gorgeous boat ~ stored on trailer inside a clean warehouse. Ready to go. Everything works! Email me your interest and I'll send you my telephone number so we can talk. Is he flexible on the price?...I won't know until a real buyer steps forward.



**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 415**  
**Location: NY**  
**Asking Price: FREE**

I took deposit on this boat almost a year ago, the perspective owner made a few payments then came to the US to work on the boat. They knew nothing about boat restoration and took her apart discarding many critical pieces... She is now a stripped Hull. Among some of the existing stock parts are the upholstered interior seat frames, and all of the cabin cushions. All wiring and rigging was removed and /or destroyed by these people before they fled back to Germany. I'm gauging interest here. Does anyone want to give her a home? Trailer will not be included, but I will deliver her for a nominal fee to cover my expenses. I offering her for free.

1989 Stinger 415. 44' overall with integral swim platform. I will add photos to show her current shape. Hull is unchanged, just naked



Model: 1986 312  
Location: Northern IN  
Asking Price: \$29,900

1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 312 w/ Arc, 31.6'. Trailer, updated cabin, sink, sleeps 4. Twin 454's, Mirage Props, 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 & stringers. Look at the pictures one has the specs.



Model: 1984 312  
Location: Biloxi, MS  
Asking Price: \$4,000

84 312 trs boat with BBC. For sale, both engines need rebuilding.



Model: 1989 312  
Location: Jersey Shore, NJ  
Asking Price: \$22,500

Anyone interested in a project? Not sure of value but would like to sell it. Registration is for a stinger 312 but a different year. No trailer. Counter rotating TRS drives. velvet drive transmissions. Solid hull. I have over \$4k in it.



Model: 1987 314  
Location: Chestertown, NY  
Asking Price: \$8,500

1987 Chris craft stinger 314 designer series. For sale 8500 obo



Model: 1986 260  
Location: Marcellus, NY  
Asking Price: \$5,000

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. Comes with homemade tandem axle trailer with new tires and all new wheel bearings. \$5500 or possible trades (need truck) interior needs TLC good winter project. Boat is winterized.



Model: 1987 312 Fittipaldi  
Location: Brandenburg, Germany  
Asking Price:

For Sale!! VB



Model: 1987 202  
Location: Egg Harbor City, NJ  
Asking Price: \$1,500

1987 Chris craft 20' 202 stinger Barn Find. V6 motor. I am not boat guy. Did not try to start the boat. It has been sitting about 12 yrs the price is \$1500 FIRM Boat and Trailer. Sold with bill of sale on boat and trailer. Boat is in egg harbor city.



Model: 1987 415  
Location: Smyrna, TN  
Asking Price: \$27,500

Ready for a new owner test drive..serious buyers ONLY! 1987 415 Stinger Length 41'5" 12.62 m Beam 9'0" 2.74 m Weight 10200 lbs 4636 kg Fuel Capacity 215 gals 813 lt Water Capacity 40 gals WELL MAINTAINED, EVERYTHING WORKS DEHUMIDIFIER SITS ON THE COUNTER AND DRAINS INTO SINK WHEN BOAT ISNT BEING USED.. UNLIKE TYPICAL SLIPPED BOATS THIS BOAT DOES NOT SMELL MUSTY AT ALL! INCLUDES NEWLY PAINTED TRI-AXLE TRAILER WITH NEW CUSTOM WHEELS & AMP TIRES RED LED LIGHTS UNDER SWIM STEP SPOT LIGHTS FACTORY AIR CONDITIONING..SUPER COLD ONAN 5500 GENERATOR TWIN 454 BIG BLOCKS W/ TRS DRIVE 420 HP BOLSTER SEATS New FRIDGE NEW MICROWAVE NEW WATER HEATER TV POWER HATCH CONTROLS BIMINI

TOP REMOVABLE MIDDLE SEAT (KEEPS GUESTS FROM STEPPING DOWN ON SEATS) \*\*\*\*SERIOUS CALLS ONLY will trade with minimum \$15,000 cash plus fair value on difference..will consider yukon, tahoe, escalade, \$27,500



Model: 1986 222  
Location: Cocoa, FL  
Asking Price: \$12,000

If you are in the market for a high performance, look no further than this 1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 222, just reduced to \$12,000 (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 15 hours.



Model: 1988 375  
Location: Freeport, NY  
Asking Price: \$28,000

lookin to sell 1987 Stinger with trailer, 2 new 496's not installed. Boat is nice. 28,000 OBO



Model: 1987 202  
Location: Smryna, DE  
Asking Price: \$1,000

We are selling a 24' trailer with three brand new tires that have about 200 miles total on them. The boat is a project boat. Total shell. We have titles for both. Currently located in Smyrna, DE. The shell of the boat is in perfect condition.