

October, 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the October newsletter.

October – cold, short days, and time to winterize boats up here in the Midwest. It's also a time when a lot of Stingers are put up for sale, so keep an eye out on the for-sale section of the website.

Two boats were added to the for-sale section including a 1986 260 located in Florida, and a 1988 202 located in Tennessee. You can see both in the pages below or head on over to the website to see more pictures.

The number of Stingers in the registry stayed constant from last month at 905. However, there were Stingers added to the registry. So, how can that be? Well, it was pointed out to me that a couple of boats in the registry were duped – I had multiple entries for a particular boat.

How do I end up with multiple entries for a boat? I do my best in matching up the Stingers in the registry either by hull number or some other identifying piece of information. But, in some cases I only have the photos to go off of, so I have to try and visually compare new photos with existing photos. I'd like to think that most of the time I can match up new photos if I have existing photos. But, sometimes I don't and add a duplicate entry. My goal is to make the registry as complete and correct as possible, so if you spot duplicates on the website please let me know!

This month's article is about the 3 year search to find a Miami Vice Stinger 390X – hope you enjoy the story as much as I did!

Until next month, Han

Miami Vice 390X in the Making

Sometimes good things do come to those who wait.

Since the beginning of the many people website, have contacted me lookina for specific Stingers they'd like to buy. Typically, a request goes something along the lines of "I'm looking to buy a Stinaer 260 in good condition." This type of request is vague - is the potential buyer looking for a specific year, or a specific engine? And where is the potential buyer located? I respond to these requests, but after a couple of email exchanges, the usually communication stops.

In 2015, however, I received an email from a potential buyer named Tony. Tony's request was rather specific. Tony wanted to find "any 84 or 85 390X with a white hull and two single seats". In addition, he stated, "my perfect boat would be one of the Vice paint scheme boats". In short. Tony was looking for a Miami Vice Stinger 390X or a boat close enough to it that he could convert into a Miami Vice boat.

The Miami Vice Stinger 390X boats, of course, have the same color scheme and layout as the Stinger 390X boats used in the Miami Vice TV show. I don't have official numbers. but I believe there are less than 15 Stinger 390Xs in the Miami Vice colors in existence today. These are probably the most sought after Stingers, and the hardest to find.

When Tony told me he was looking for a suitable Stinger 390X, I told him it would be hard to find, and it might take a while. Over the years since Tony first contacted me, I sent him information on any Stinger 390X that met his requirements. And over the years, the 390Xs I sent to him didn't match – they didn't have the correct seating, or the wrong radar arch, or no radar

arch at all. Or they had the wrong swim platform, or had bow lights, or had too many exhaust vents!

The reason Tony was being so insistent on finding the right boat is that he wanted to restore a boat to as close to the Miami Vice boat as possible – and I can respect that. So I kept looking.

Finally, this past month, a 1985 Stinger 390X came up for sale. I had first learned about this boat through another member of the website who sent me pictures of the boat in 2013. This member had run across pictures of the boat while looking for a paint scheme for his boat. According to the pictures, at one point the boat was located in Idaho, and was named Revenge.



Last month the boat came up for sale in Texas. The pictures of the boat showed that the cabin had the Miami Vice colors. In addition, the cockpit had the right layout and the boat had a radar arch. As a bonus, the boat had stripes down the hull that matched the pattern of the Miami Vice scheme. Once I saw this I quickly contacted Tony with my find.



Tony then contacted the owner, and setup a survey of the boat. Within two weeks of finding the boat for sale, Tony made the purchase – just in time for his 50th birthday!

So what are the plans for this boat? As mentioned, Tony plans on making changes to the boat to make it as accurate to the Stinger 390X used on Miami Vice. On the list of items to do is changing the color scheme of the stripes along the side of the boat. He will also be replacing the gauges with periodcorrect Teleflex gauges.

For me, I'm excited to see the progress Tony will make with this boat. I'm always happy when someone takes on a project boat and brings it back to life. And, in this case, I'm even more so as the result will be a Miami Vice 390X. You can be assured that I will provide updates on the progress of the boat in upcoming newsletters, so that you can follow along as well.



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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.

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	Model: 1986 260
	Location: Tavares, FL
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	Classic 1986 Chris Craft Stinger with Radar Arch25 hours on rebuilt 350's, outdrives just serviced, 4 bladed prop, foam core- fiberglass transom, nice interior, wrap has normal wear, includes dual axle trailer.
	Model: 1988 202
	Location: Collierville, TN
19	Asking Price: \$2,500
TAN AL OSIGE	
	Running 175 Mercruiser inboard with fully functional Alpha
	outdrive and five blade stainless prop. Gauges, trim and gear box all work. Finish needs revitalization but hull, including
	transom, are solid. The interior has been removed. It will need
	one 42"I rear stringer replaced, a new 36"w x 72"I floor panel
	and interior accommodations as you desire. Dual axel trailer
	included. Chris Craft Stinger Newsletter states there were only
	189 of these models produced and estimates less than 50
	survive. Estimated value after restoration is \$6500-8500
	depending on fit and finish. Bill of sale provided in exchange for cash only. Additional photos available. Thanks for looking!
	Model: 1982 260
	Location: Waukegan, IL
	Asking Price: \$21,000
DIXIE NORMUS	For Color DIVIE NORMOUS 1002 Chris Croft 200 Stimmer Built in
	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
(heres	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

<image/>	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
NY WINS FG	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 vear.

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 tittle. Current registration

Model: 1984 312 Location: Round Mountain, TX Asking Price: \$10,000

If you are looking at this Stinger, you probably remember the original Miami Vice Stinger 390. Back when go fast boats had beautiful lines and didn't look like a pointed watermelon. This 1984 Chris Craft Stinger 312 is an ALL original un molested boat with the original 330 Mercruiser 454's with original air cleaners and snorkels!!, All of the upholstery is original, cabin upholstery is good, cockpit upholstery was showing some wear and squirrels tore it up in a few spots as well, but it is the original upholstery. The squirrel damage could be repaired and you could get a little more use out of it, but it does have some wear and sun damage, It is 34 years old!. Gel coat and graphics could use a good polish, but are in good shape and origional. The bottom has never been painted. I traded a Stinger 260 and a gob of cash for this boat in 1995 from a gentleman in Oklahoma, I loved this boat and used it for several years on Lake Travis in Central Texas, I then sold it to a good friend of mine who lived on the lake and never used the boat. He kept it inside and started the motors regularly but never put it in the water. The motors were last started about 4 years ago and fogged when shut off. I have had it back for a couple years now and have not done anything with it, so although it is a beautiful ornament in my shop, it really needs to be enjoyed by someone. I believe the motors have around 700 hours. It has the bullet proof TRS drives that were just fully serviced less than 10 hours ago, although it was 20 years ago.











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 390 Location: Flagstaff, AZ Asking Price: \$65,000

A PIECE OF HISTORY, THIS IT A GEORGE BUSH, RONALD REAGAN, BLUE THUNDER BOAT FROM THE DRUG WARS IN FLORIDA IN THE 80S. THIS BOAT WAS SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR GOVERNMENT PURSUIT OF DRUG SPEED BOATS, IT NOW IS A LIVEABOARD TOY , LEATHER WRAP AROUND COUCH, BATHROOM WITH SINK, KITCHEN SINK, FRIDGE, MICROWAVE, MASSIVE STORAGE, 30 HRS ON NEW 568 BBC, TRS DRIVES, BORG WARNER TRANS, HAYLON SYSTEM, SHIP TO, SHORE , GAFFRIG GAUGES, STERIO SYSTEM, ALUMINUM TRIPLE TRAYLOR, NEW TIRES AND BRGS, FRON BERTH BED, NEW UPHOLSTERY I HAVE BEEN A MECHANIC FOR 42 YEARS AND I OWN AUTO TECH PROS IN FLAGSTAFF THIS IS MY BOAT AND IM GOING BIGGER THANKS FOR LOOKING



Model: 1988 202 Location: Rochester, NY Asking Price: \$8,000

I have a super rare 88' chris craft stinger 202 for sale. It has 165 hours on the hull. This boat is like brand new. I literally just finished it. This is the coolest fiberglass speedboat that Chris Craft ever made and was made for the Miami Vice tv series. They were built in very limited quantities and there are only a handful of these left. There is a website dedicated to them, I know of no other boats that have a cult following. I built this one to be better than it was originally. It is an attention grabber. I get compliments on it wherever I am and have had numerous offers on it even before I restored it. I'm selling it because I'm getting married and need the money. I just put well over \$7500 into it this summer alone and have well over 12K into it total. I had planned to use it but sadly, it needs to go. Weddings are insanely expensive and I'm finding out the hard way. I replaced the motor and outdrive. It has an OMC 4.3L v-6 and an OMC cobra outdrive. Next, I gutted the boat completely and installed new marine ply, fiberglass, carpet, custom-built seats and engine cover and had everything professionally upholstered. I installed a new GT steering wheel, a Sony marine cd/mp3/satellite radio, which sounds awesome. a new bilge pump, new fuel lines, new aluminum swivel/slider/adjustable height seat posts and new Tracker style folding seats. The interior work cost over \$4K alone but was well worth it. It came out awesome. I had a 4bbl. Rochester carb installed which brings the HP up to 205 and will do over 60MPH. I had the pin striping re-done on the boat and matching Shorelander trailer. I replaced the tires, lights, and started to strip and repaint the entire trailer. It also has a new deep cycle battery. There are 2 swim platforms molded into the stern that have teak footboards and they were also refinished and look great. I also just purchased a new trailerable cover for it. I even just filled the tank with ethanol free 93octane 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.

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	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 upholstry is good. Through-hull exhaust and integral swim platform. Chris Craft also puts the HIN on the hull itself so you can run it with the platform removed. Includes Boatmaster aluminum double axel trailer, needs new brakes, tires good, 6 lug wheels. I'm open to offers and possible trades (work van?) (big Blocks?). She needs some work but I also restore these and i know what a great boat she will be again, i just happen to own several Stingers and i need to let one or two go.
	Model: 1988 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: 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: 1985 260 Location: Wellington, ON, Canada
	Asking Price: \$5,000
	26' 1985 Chris-Craft Stinger. Has 454 Mercruiser engine. Bravo 1 out drive. Stainless steel prop. Thru hull exhaust. Custom candy apple red paint job. \$5000 Firm.
	Model: 1988 312 Location: White Marsh, MD





console. The front of the console has a door that opens out.