

23' (7.01m) 1960 Chris-Craft Sea Skiff Gananoque Ontario Canada

# OVERVIEW

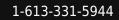
Manufacturer: Engines: Engine Model: Engine HP: Beam: Max Draft: Water: Chris-Craft 1 GMC 350 cid 300 8' 3" 2' 0"

Hull Material: Cruise Speed: Max Speed: Cabins/Heads: Fuel Type: Fuel: Fiberglass 1 / 1 Gas/Petrol



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## **Data Sheet**

Category: Express Cruiser Condition: Used Model Year: 1960 Beam: 8'3'' (2.51m) Max Draft: 2' (0.61m) LOA: 24' (7.32m) Cabins: 1 Double Berths: 1 Heads: 1 Fuel Type: Gas/Petrol Hull Material: Fiberglass Hull Shape: Deep Vee In Stock: Yes

## **Engines/Generators**

#### Engine 1

GMC 350 cid Inboard 300HP 223.71KW Fuel: Gas/Petrol Year: 1984

#### Summary/Description

This is a beautifully restored and lovingly maintained 1960 Chris-Craft 23 Sea Skiff. This wooden classic offers a nod to the past that serves as a gloriously stylish day cruiser. We absolutely love her classic lines, large rectangular wood incased windshields, and oversized captain seats. Her above

The Sea Skiff lineup of boats with clinker-built, lapstrake, round-chine planking was Chris-Crafts attempt to capture its share of the Lyman Boat Works sales success. Lyman became well-known for this process after building about 5000 boats in 1955. Sadly, in 1962, Chris-Craft started to make these boats with aluminum-framed windshields which, in our opinion, detracts from their classic appearance.

The owner has replaced some of the bottom boards within the last 5 years as necessary and the engine was rebuilt in 2006. The owner has his own boatbuilding business so he is very well-qualified to work on and rebuild boats such as these.

This Chris-Craft 23 Sea Skiff is a real head-turner and will be an absolute delight to own and take on sunset cruises.

#### Notes on the engine from the Owner

The cylinder block is a one-over 350 cid V8. The marine conversion is original to the boat with a couple of minor differences. The carburetor is an 80s version of the original so it has an electric choke and this is a great improvement.

When I built the engine, I did so at a Kingston, Ontario machine shop which was well-known for classic custom race and marine engines. The objective was not to create massive horsepower but to create an engine that is well balanced, smooth and efficient.

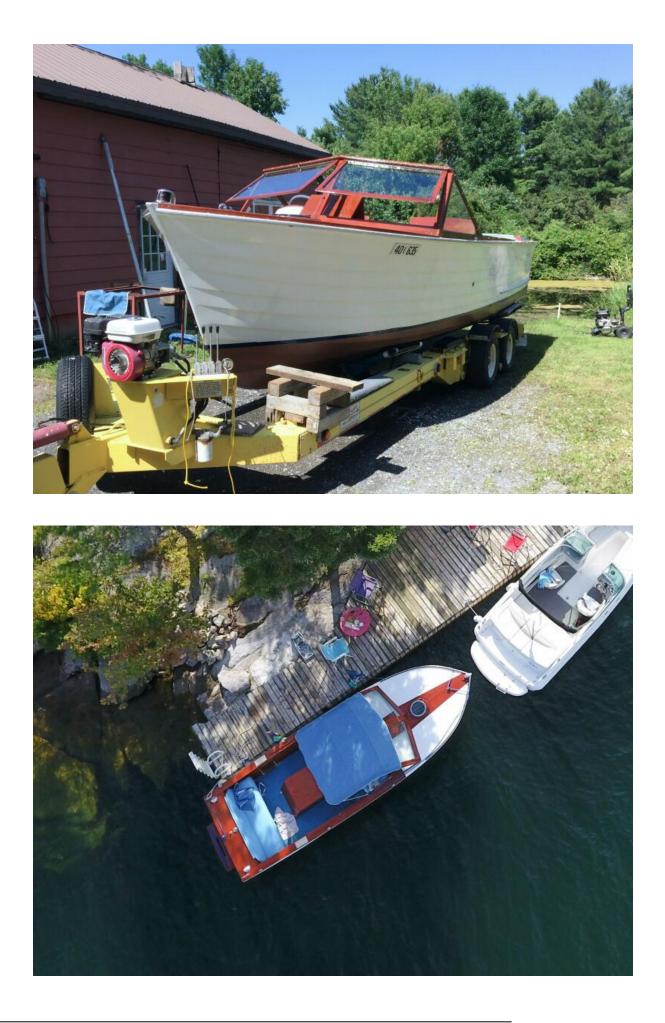
The components for the short block (block, crank, connecting rods and pistons) were sent to a specialty shop to be linehoned, balanced and assemble. The block was then fitted with a slightly longer duration cam and top-of-the-line GM offroad cylinders head of cast iron. These heads use valves which are wider than stock (2.02). A breaker less electronic ignition kit was fitted. The result is an engine that spins and breathes very easily.

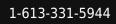
As a bit of a lark, while in the machine shop, I used a computer-driven milling machine and my laptop. As a result, my exhaust manifolds are engraved with a play on my family name WALLSCRAFT.



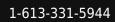




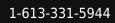


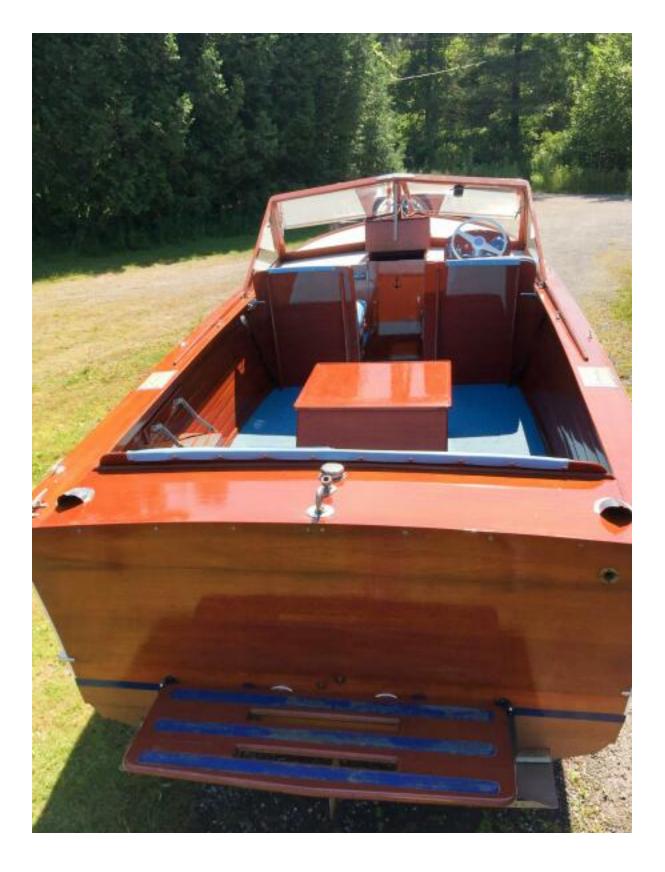








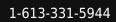




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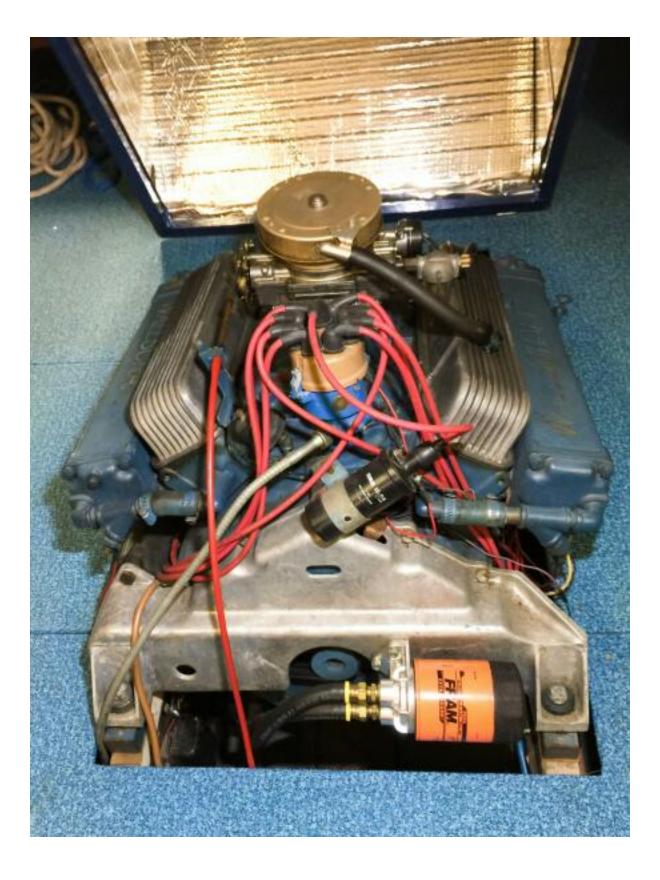








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