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1961 Chris-Craft Sea Skiff 23 Ranger **\$35,000 CAD (25,000 USD)**



LOA	25' 0" (with platform)	Beam	8' 4"
Draft	2' 0"	Fuel	50 gallons
Water	5 gallons	Waste	10 gallons
Weight	3,422 lbs (dry)	Sleeps	2

Power: Chris-Craft 283, 185hp, ~500 hours on 2001 rebuild

Accommodations

Cuddy Cabin: Cushioned V-berth with screened overhead hatch, manual toilet with holding tank, privacy door, overhead light.

Cockpit: Port and starboard helm seats with storage below, instrument console with professionally restored original gauges, wet bar with ice box and sink, pantry cupboard, white convertible top with side curtains and screens, matching white drop curtain for full enclosure, upholstered engine box with sound insulation, full-beam aft bench seat with drawer storage below, portable mahogany boarding steps, custom mahogany swim platform with concealed boarding ladder.

Electronics/Navigation Aids

Garmin GPSMAP 742 XS chart plotter w/sonar
ICOM IC M-55 VHF radio
Danforth binnacle compass
Rayline remote spotlight

Equipment

Deck-mounted Danforth anchor with rope rode
Stern anchor and line
Original Chris-Craft wooden paddle
12V engine start battery
Single lever Morse throttle/shift control
Clarion marine stereo system
Sea Star hydraulic steering (2024)
Fresh water tank (stored)
Original mahogany transom boarding ladder (stored)
Full boat canvas storage cover
All existing safety & mooring equipment
All existing manuals
Spare parts

After 50 years of ownership and too many cruises to count, it has come time for the owners to say goodbye to this much loved Chris-Craft Sea Skiff. Built at Chris-Craft's dedicated Sea Skiff plant in Salisbury, Maryland, she was originally sold out of Crate's Marina, Keswick, Ontario, initially serving as a launch for a much larger yacht in Port Dover on Lake Erie. Chris-Craft built 56 of the 23' hulls in 1961, and this one, hull number SUD-23-0056, was the last Ranger produced that year. In total, 180 Rangers were built between 1960 and 1962, and many have survived to this day as a result of the Thiokol sealed lapstrake hull construction common to all Sea Skiffs.

Ranger models were a step up from the more common "Open" model Sea Skiffs that were designed primarily for fishing and utility use. Rangers were finished to a higher degree to accommodate recreational cruising as well. They featured twin bunks in the cuddy cabin, "no sag" automobile style upholstered seats and the iconic Chris-Craft hatch cover. Optional features available included a marine head with holding tank and a galley option with sink, ice box, and a small pantry cabinet.

"My Girl" was ordered with all the options and has been thoroughly spoiled with 50-years of covered slip sun protection, 30-years of climate-controlled winter storage and plenty of loving care and maintenance by the owners. Interior and exterior brightwork is in very good condition, the original white vinyl decks are near perfect. All upholstery has been updated, and the rebuilt Chris Craft 283 flywheel-forward engine starts and runs like a dream. There may be a nicer 23 Ranger out there somewhere, but we highly doubt it, and sadly, they just aren't making any more of these timeless classics.