

From Fiberglass to Fantasy Island



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The Journey of 2013 Gemini Legacy 35 Hull 1152

ROCKSTAR

If Hull 1152 could talk, she very well might say, “Hi, my name is *ROCKSTAR*, and I have embarked on an incredible journey. I was born in November in Alachua Florida. My first home was St Petersburg, where I was trucked in for a boat show. Thousands of lovely people stepped on board and said very nice things about me, about the differences between my older siblings and me. I was then sailed from St. Petersburg to Fort Lauderdale ... boy was THAT a thrill! For the first time I was able to spread my sails, feel the wind between my lines and rigging, it was an amazing experience. Once in

Fort Lauderdale I met a man, he fell in love with me at first sight! He thought my beauty and technical brilliance was too innovative and cutting edge not to share me with the world so he whisked me away to Tortola and put me into charter. Now I have the distinct honor and pleasure of helping individuals, friends and families realize their dream of catamaran ownership and sailing in the BVIs.”

Where all of this is true, there are some finer details that *ROCKSTAR* is not aware of ... let’s break down her introduction:

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As most of our readers know, production of the Gemini Legacy 35 happens exclusively at the Marlow Hunter plant in Alachua, Florida. On a recent plant tour, it became clear to me just how much love and care go into the creation of each hull. At the plant, a group of my contemporaries and I were met by Jamie Osteen and Glen Stanley. They took turns walking us through the different stages and areas in the plant from Research & Development (can't share that with you!) to Fiberglass to Decking to Interior Cabinetry to Quality Control and everything in between. They did this with the same pride of craftsmanship and a care of in-



genuity that has been part of the Performance Cruising legacy from the beginning, when Tony Smith first dreamed of Gemini.

Of the things I learned that day about the Legacy 35 that impressed me, a few of the top items are the quality control ... Marlowe-Hunter have their own man-made lake, Lake Henry,



where they put each vessel through a simulated rainstorm and they also utilize a high pressure air system that assists in detecting any possible leaks. The fact that their fiberglass "best practices" allow for the vessel to be 360 degree bonded means no delamination issues!

Changes to the mold, also done on property, have made the Legacy 35 less boxy, with a smaller foredeck with big scallops in it ... providing an improvement for shredding in high seas. And a reinforced rib going through both hubs eliminates flexing both on board as well as when hauling.

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From the moment you step on board the new Gemini Legacy 35 you are struck with the larger, more comfortable and easy to move about cockpit design. Moving the mainsheet track up on top of the canopy eliminated a lot of clutter at the

stern of the boat and the cabin top has been slanted inboard with the stanchions redesigned making it much easier to walk forward. The Pilothouse has also been redesigned providing improved visibility from the helm along with more space and light in the main salon. The entire pilothouse was moved a full 18 inches forward and four inches wider. The 35hp Westerbeke outboard has been replaced with twin diesel 15hp Yanmar engines. These add excellent maneuverability and increased reliability with easy access to the engines. The fixed keels and rudders are dramatically simplified with no sacrifice in performance, a shallow 34 inch draft and tremendous strength ... the boat can sit safely on her keels and rudders. She continues to point 40 degrees to the wind with no noticeable reduction



in speed while sailing PLUS a huge amount of additional storage in the galley and navigation station due to the removal of centerboard cases. She also boats new rigging. A highly efficient square top main sail is 60 square feet larger than previous Gemini models while the mast is still the same 46 foot height off the water. All lines run to the cockpit, virtually eliminating the need to go forward and the optional Code Zero on the bow sprit with roller furlong is a perfect option to the hassle of spinnakers while still maximizing performance in light winds. Finally, she offers a choice ... in addition to the traditional 3 cabin/1 head, she also comes in a very desirable 2 cabins/2 heads with a queen sized bed in the Owner's cabin and a full double in the aft.



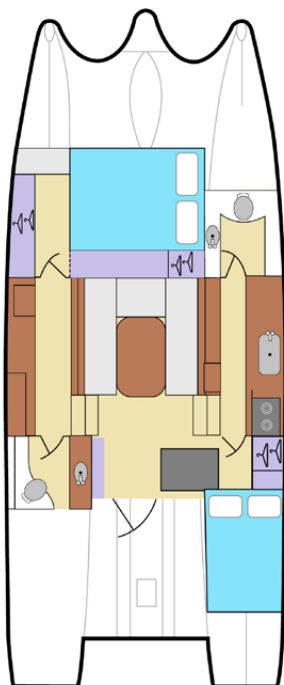
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The two/two layout is perfect for charter. Hull 1152, *ROCKSTAR*, was placed into The Catamaran Company's "Purchase for Charter" (PFC) program just this past February. *ROCKSTAR* has been very well received, especially for current Gemini 105Mc and monohull cruisers who want to "try before they buy." The charter base is on the beautiful British Virgin Island of Tortola in Hodges Creek. Just a quick ferry ride from St. Thomas or a fun sea plane jaunt from Puerto Rico and you can experience a bareboat excursion on *ROCKSTAR* through the unspoiled waters and islands in the BVIs. The PFC program is a wonderful way to start your



retirement early, move up your catamaran ownership plans and offset the cost of yacht ownership. *ROCKSTAR* could use a

sister ship in The Catamaran Company's fleet, if you have an interest, please call the "Well Suited" team at 954.449.4640



ROCKSTAR is now available for charter in the BVIs. For more information, e-mail: charter@catamarans.com or visit: <http://www.catamarans.com/charter/index.aspx>

Dimensions:		Galley:
LOA	10,52 m 35 ft	Burners stove and oven
Beam	4,27 m 14 ft	Double sink
Draft	1,52 m 5 ft	Fridge
Water	227,12 l 60 gal	Hot/Cold fresh water
Fuel	136,27 l 36 gal	Saltwater foot pump
Electronics:		Freezer
Autopilot		Amenities:
Depthfinder		Bath towels
Log/Speedometer		BBQ
VHF		Bedding
Wind direction		Cabin fans
Wind speed		Cockpit table
AM/FM/CD player		Dinghy 7.6ft, 5HP



ROCKSTAR's new owner Barry Justice