

he Great Recession has had a dramatic affect on the sailing industry and wreaked havoc with many American builders some of whom are gone and some who are gradually getting back on their feet as the economy slowly recovers.

But all is not doom and gloom, particularly in the world of cruising catamaran builders in this country who are bucking the trend and building cats right here in America. Gemini Catamrans is a success story for 2013. When the company launched the new Legacy model last October, orders were taken in short order to fill the 2013 production run and they keep on selling which means the new, updated styling and layout is really appealing to cat cruisers.

The company was founded by

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Born in the U.S.A.

Tony Smith who built hundreds and hundreds of Geminis over the years. It may well be the best selling cruising catamaran ever. When Tony decided to retire and go cruising on his own boat he sold the company to his daughter Laura and her partner, The Catamaran Company.

Now being built by Hunter Marine in Florida, the Gemini Legacy is a narrow beam 35-foot catamaran that will fit into most marina slips yet has the space and stability of a modern cruising cat.

The fit and finish that is going into the boats is very appealing to new buyers and gives the boats a level of elegance that compares very well with other cruising cats in the fleet. The master stateroom and head occupy one full hull while the two guest cabins are placed in the bow and stern of the other hull. For those

who want a two cabin, two head layout, the forward guest cabin can be swapped out for a head.

Easy to sail, seaworthy and roomy, the Gemini Legacy 35 offers a lot of cruising comfort and capacity in a compact and affordable package. For more information go to www. geminicatamarans.com