

Regatta moves into Brevard

Developer offers variety of home configurations

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There's a relatively new player in town among Brevard County builders.

Regatta Construction, a Vero Beach-based company, celebrated a grand opening last month to mark its entry into the South Brevard market. It has actually been active in the county for a little more than two years.

"We're definitely quality," said Dustin Miller, Regatta's division manager.

The company's watchword already is evident to avid boaters: The 5-year-old company's logo spells "quality" in maritime flags under its name.

The company operates a model, open every day, at 2779 Emerson Drive in Palm Bay.

Ceilings are 10 feet high, with a knock-down textured finish. The model shows off several options, such as an office with wood floor, which also can be left open as a living room.

Space is set off with arches and columns, finished with textured painting.

The kitchen features granite counters, and art niches offer accents in the family room.

Glass doors offer a view of the pool, also visible from the master suite.

The 2,121-square-foot model includes four bedrooms.

Dave and Linda Giertz chose the company to build their Palm Bay home in part because Regatta was flexible about adjusting its floor plan, Dave Giertz said.

The couple, who moved to Brevard from New York last year, owns a shallow, wide lot that required changes that large builders weren't willing to make, he said.

These are among the Regatta's Brevard projects:

- **Bonita Beach:** The 15-unit project features two-story, Key West-style homes just north of the Eau Gallie Causeway in Indian Harbour Beach.

- **The Falls of Palm Bay:** Regatta, with a partnering development company, is building 177 townhouses at the site off Malabar Road. Prices start in the low \$300,000 range for units measuring about 2,000 square feet, available in three different floor plans.

The homes will feature 11-foot ceilings on the bottom floor, granite countertops and impact-resistant glass.

- **Tuscany Estates:** Prices start about \$550,000 at the gated community near Minton Road and Emerson Drive in Palm Bay.

Regatta is the exclusive builder in the 18-house community. Homes will cover a minimum of 2,600 square feet and feature barrel-tile roofs, paver driveways and side-entry garages. Lots measure 90 by 140 feet.

- **Oakmont Preserve:** Regatta is among the builders in the gated Malabar community, developed by Roy Pence. It will feature homes on 1 1/2-acre lots.
- **Scattered lots:** The company has 22 homes under construction in and around Palm Bay.

Regatta plans to expand into the northern part of Brevard, Miller said.
