

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): October 27, 2011

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-22303
(Commission
File Number)

72-1147390
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

567 Thompson Road
Houma, Louisiana 70363
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(985) 872-2100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 27, 2011 Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing the declaration of a common stock dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2011

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.

By: _____
/s/ Robin A. Seibert
Robin A. Seibert
Vice President – Finance,
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer
and Duly Authorized Officer)

Dated: October 27, 2011

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Declares Dividend on Common Stock

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--October 27, 2011--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIF1), announced today that its board of directors declared a dividend of \$0.06 per share on Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.'s approximately 14.4 million shares of common stock outstanding.

The dividend was declared during a regular meeting of the board held on October 27, 2011 and is payable November 29, 2011 to shareholders of record on November 14, 2011.

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc., based in Houma, Louisiana, is a leading fabricator of offshore drilling and production platforms, hull and/or deck sections of floating production platforms and other specialized structures used in the development and production of offshore oil and gas reserves. These structures include jackets and deck sections of fixed production platforms; hull and/or deck sections of floating production platforms (such as tension leg platforms ("TLPs")), "SPARs and FPSOs", piles, wellhead protectors, subsea templates and various production, compressor and utility modules, offshore living quarters, tanks and barges. The Company also provides offshore interconnect pipe hook-up, inshore marine construction, manufacture and repair of pressure vessels, heavy lifts such as ship integration and TLP module integration, loading and offloading jack-up drilling rigs, semi-submersible drilling rigs, TLPs, SPARs or other similar cargo onshore and offshore scaffolding and piping insulation services and steel warehousing and sales.

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