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): July 26, 2012

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):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 26, 2012, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing second quarter 2012 earnings. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated July 26, 2012

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.

By:

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.

/s/ Roy F. Breerwood, III

Roy F. Breerwood, III Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)

Dated: July 26, 2012

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Reports Second Quarter Earnings

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 26, 2012--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIFI) today reported a net income of \$7.6 million (\$.52 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$137.2 million for its second quarter ended June 30, 2012, compared to net income of \$1.8 million (\$.13 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$87.3 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011. Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$14.4 million (\$.99 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$250.3 million, compared to the net loss of \$5.1 million (\$.36 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$133.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

The Company had a revenue backlog of \$474.0 million and a labor backlog of approximately 2.9 million man-hours at June 30, 2012, including commitments received through July 26, 2012, compared to a revenue backlog of \$614.5 million and a labor backlog of 4.6 million man-hours reported as of December 31, 2011.

SELECTED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

(in thousands)

		June 30, 2012		December 31, 2011	
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$	30,590	\$	55,287	
Total current assets		173,951		177,913	
Property, plant and equipment, at cost, net		222,915		216,722	
Total assets		397,538		395,935	
Total current liabilities		67,387		75,987	
Debt		0		0	
Shareholders' equity		294,270		282,799	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		397,538		395,935	

The management of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. will hold a conference call on Friday, July 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Central Time (10:00 a.m. Eastern Time) to discuss the Company's financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2012. The call is accessible by webcast (<u>www.gulfisland.com</u>) through CCBN and by dialing **1.888.215.6825**. A digital rebroadcast of the call is available two hours after the call and ending August 3, 2012 by dialing **1.888.203.1112**, replay passcode: 2122274.

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", "FPSOs", "MinDOCs", piles, wellhead protectors, subsea templates and various production, compressor and utility modules, 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 of jack-up drilling rigs, semi-submersible drilling rigs, TLPs , SPARs, or other similar cargo, onshore and offshore scaffolding, piping insulation services, and steel warehousing and sales.

Business Update

Status of Graving Dock Repairs

As previously disclosed by the Company, the graving dock at our Texas facility flooded unexpectedly in the fourth quarter of 2011 when soil washed out from under the graving dock floor, which allowed water from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to enter the dock through the floor and caused damage to a portion of the graving dock slab. To prevent further flooding, the Company designed and constructed a coffer cell to drain the dock and complete repairs to the slab so that it can be utilized during the fabrication stage of the Williams Gulfstar FPSTM GS-1 hull project. The estimated cost to construct the coffer cell is approximately \$9.6 million, and construction is substantially complete. The dock has been drained and the Company is determining the extent of the damage and commencing necessary repairs. The estimated cost to repair the slab has increased from the Company's original estimate of \$1.5 million to \$3.0 million because of additional damage to the slab the Company was unable to discover until the dock was drained. The estimated costs to repair the slab to the dock will be expensed when incurred in the third and fourth quarters of 2012. The Company has insurance coverage available and has filed a claim for what it believes to be allowable costs under the terms of these insurance policies.

Customer Requested Slowdown of Work

On July 13, 2012, the Company received a notice from one of its customers requesting the Company reduce work on a deepwater project to an operational minimum, ensuring that the existing work is protected and available for a full scale resumption of work in the future. As of June 30, 2012, the outstanding contracts receivable balance on this project was \$21.7 million and the remaining work on this project represented 6.6% of the Company's revenue backlog and 10.6% of its labor backlog. The customer also requested a short term extension for the payment of the unpaid balance on the contract. At the time of this request, approximately \$4.0 million of the \$21.7 million balance was past due. The Company has entered into preliminary discussions with this customer regarding extending the terms of payment of the outstanding balance. While the Company believes work on this project will resume in the future, it has no guarantees as to the timing of when or if such full scale resumption will occur. The Company plans to reallocate its resources to other projects in its backlog in order to mitigate any potential impact the slowdown may have on revenue for future periods.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The Company wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. No assurances can be given regarding the future performance of the Company. The Company wishes to advise readers that factors could affect the Company's financial performance and could cause the Company's actual results for future periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods in any current statements. The Company does not undertake, and specifically declines any obligation, to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date such statements are made.

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) (in thousands, except per share data)

Six Months Ended Three Months Ended June 30, June 30, 2012 2012 2011 2011 137,227 \$ 87,251 250,310 \$ 133,599 \$ Revenue S Cost of revenue: 123,322 82,405 223,737 130,631 Contract costs Asset impairments 7,690 123,322 223,737 Total cost of revenue 82 405 138,321 Gross profit (loss) 13.905 4.846 26,573 (4,722) General and administrative expenses 1,958 5,194 2,582 3,894 Operating income (loss) 11,323 2,888 21,379 (8,616) Other income (expense): (119) (23) (32) Interest expense (54) 171 Interest income 180 156 428 Other 22 228 85 228 179 352 394 345 Income (loss) before income taxes 11,502 3,240 21,773 (8,271) Income taxes 3,910 1,405 7,402 (3,142) Net income (loss) 7,592 \$ 1,835 \$ 14,371 \$ (5,129) Per share data: Basic earnings (loss) per share - common shareholders 0.52 0.13 0.99 (0.36) \$ S S Diluted earnings (loss) per share - common shareholders 0.52 \$ 0.13 0.99 (0.36) \$ \$ Weighted-average shares 14,388 14,348 14,385 14,346 Effect of dilutive securities: employee stock options 21 31 24 14,346 Adjusted weighted-average shares 14,409 14 379 14,409 Depreciation and amortization included in expense above 5,783 5,033 11,433 \$ 10,056 \$ \$ \$ 0.10 0.06 0.20 0.12 Cash dividend declared per common share \$ \$ s S CONTACT: Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Kerry J. Chauvin, 985-872-2100 Chief Executive Officer

or Roy F. Breerwood, III, 985-872-2100 Chief Financial Officer