

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*): December 11, 2012

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.

(*Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter*)

Louisiana
(*State of incorporation*)

001-34279
(*Commission File Number*)

72-1147390
(*IRS Employer Identification No.*)

567 Thompson Road, Houma, Louisiana
(*Address of principal executive offices*)

70363
(*Zip Code*)

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

N/A
(*Former name or former address, if changed since last report*)

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b and c) On December 11, 2012, Kerry J. Chauvin stepped down as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (the “Company”) effective January 1, 2013 (the “Effective Date”). Mr. Chauvin’s resignation was due to personal reasons and not as a result of any disagreement with the Company regarding the Company’s operations or practices. The Company expects to enter into an agreement with Mr. Chauvin pursuant to which Mr. Chauvin will serve as a consultant to the Company’s Board of Directors and management following his resignation.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Company appointed Kirk J. Meche, age 50, as Chief Executive Officer and President. Mr. Meche has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company since 2009. From 2001 to 2009, Mr. Meche was Executive Vice President- Operations. Mr. Meche was President and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Marine Fabricators from February 2006 to October 2006 and President and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Island, L.L.C. from February 2001 until January 2006. Mr. Meche was also President of Southport, Inc., a former wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, from December 1999 to February 2001 and served as Project Manager from December 1996 to December 1999. There are no transactions reportable pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K in connection with Mr. Meche’s appointment as Chief Executive Officer.

John P. (Jack) Laborde, a member of the Company’s Board of Directors since 1997, will assume the role of Chairman of the Board following Mr. Chauvin’s resignation on the Effective Date.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 13, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Meche’s appointment as Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 13, 2012 Announcing the Appointment of Kirk J. Meche as Chief Executive Officer

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/ Kerry J. Chauvin
Kerry J. Chauvin
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 13, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release dated December 13, 2012 Announcing the Appointment of Kirk J. Meche as Chief Executive Officer

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Announces Appointment of Kirk J. Meche as New Chief Executive Officer

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 13, 2012--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIF1), today announced the appointment of Kirk J. Meche as the Company's new Chief Executive Officer and President effective January 1, 2013. Mr. Meche will replace Kerry J. Chauvin, who will step down as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board on January 1, 2013. John P. (Jack) Laborde, a member of the Company's Board of Directors since 1997, will assume the role of Chairman of the Board. The Company expects to enter into an agreement with Mr. Chauvin pursuant to which Mr. Chauvin will serve as a consultant to the Board of Directors and management following his resignation.

Kerry J. Chauvin stated, "Due to my health, it is in my best interest, as well as the best interest of the Company, that I step down as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board at this time. I have worked closely with Kirk for a number of years and believe his management and operational experience with the Company make him the ideal successor to lead the Company going forward. I fully support the Board's decision to appoint Kirk to the position of Chief Executive Officer and look forward to continuing to work with him in my capacity as a consultant for Gulf Island."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank Kerry for his over 25 years of service to Gulf Island," Jack Laborde stated. "The Company experienced a number of milestones under Kerry's leadership, including the consummation of its initial public offering in 1997, its entry into the major deepwater fabrication business with the acquisition of Gulf Marine Fabricators in 2006 and its expansion of marine fabrication services in 2008, among others."

The management of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. will hold a conference call on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 p.m. Eastern Time) to discuss Mr. Meche's appointment as Chief Executive Officer. The call is accessible by webcast (www.gulfisland.com) through CCBN and by dialing **1.888.259.8885**. **A digital rebroadcast of the call is available three hours after the call and ending December 21, 2012 by dialing 1.888.203.1112, replay passcode: 1694319.**

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", "PPSOs" and "MinDOCs"), piles, wellhead protectors, subsea templates and various production, compressor and utility modules, offshore living quarters, towboats, liftboats, 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 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.

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