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**GREAT LAKES SHIPYARD COMPLETES RECONSTRUCTION OF M/V PUT-IN-BAY
Work included 40-Foot Mid-Body Extension and Main Engine Repower**

CLEVELAND, OHIO (April 29, 2010) - Great Lakes Shipyard, a division of The Great Lakes Group, has completed all work required under contract with Miller Boat Line, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, to fabricate and install a new 40-foot mid-body extension in the passenger/vehicle ferry *Put-in-Bay*.



The contract was awarded on August 17, 2009, and all work was completed in a timely manner at Great Lakes Shipyard's state-of-the-art facilities on the South Bank of the Old River Channel, on Cleveland's Cuyahoga River.

What started out as a straight forward mid-body extension project grew into a complete rebuild, including replacement of the main engines with new CAT C18 diesels.

The mid-body extension of the Put-in-Bay increased the length of the vessel from 96-feet to 136-feet overall and nearly doubled its carrying capacity.

The project also included the installation of new rudders, a new steering system, new main engine keel cooling system, generator overhauls, and new propellers.

Miller Boat Line's fleet includes three (3) additional all-steel passenger/vehicle ferries, each approximately 96-feet in length, which run on Lake Erie from Catawba to the islands of Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island) and Middle Bass Island, Ohio.

Miller Boat Line principal Scott Market said, "Great Lakes Shipyard did an outstanding job. Their work was completed in an orderly sequence, and was to the highest quality. The Shipyard personnel kept us informed of their progress, and made certain that work was completed in time to return the vessel to service for the 2010 season." Market added, "We are especially pleased to work with an Ohio-based company, and look forward to working with Great Lakes Shipyard for many years to come."

The Great Lakes Group has been in Cleveland since 1899. In 2007, the company built a new fabrication and repair facility on the Cuyahoga River for the construction of unique custom designed marine products, such as the mid-body section, and for tug and barge construction.

Information about The Great Lakes Group can be found online at www.thegreatlakesgroup.com.

Miller Boat Line operates the only scheduled ferry services for transportation of passengers, freight, vehicles and commercial vehicles to the Lake Erie islands of Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Island, Ohio. More information about Miller Boat Line can be found online at www.millerferry.com.

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