FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF AQUATIC BIOLOGISTS

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FALL 2026 TAXONOMIC WORKSHOP

Florida Nearshore and Estuarine Pycnogonida

October 28 - 30, 2026

University of Tampa Marine Science Center

Tampa, Florida

The 2026 Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists Fall Taxonomic Workshop will be held on October 28-30 at the University of Tampa's Marine Lab on Tampa Bay. This year's workshop will focus on pycnogonids, and we are pleased to have Dr. Bonnie Bain from South Utah University leading our workshop this year. It will be an excellent experience for both students and professionals. The workshop registration is $70.00 for FAB members; $125.00 for non-members; $45.00 for student non-members and $35.00 for student members. Registration deadline is Friday October 23rd. Please register at the FAB website: https://www.floridaaquaticbiologists.org/events.html

Seating will be limited to 25, so be sure to register early!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday October 23rd, 2026

2025 FAB Fall Marine Taxonomic Workshop
October 28 – 30, 2026

Pycnogonida
University of Tampa Marine Field Station
5222 W. Tyson Ave, Tampa, FL

Wednesday, October 28th	
08:00	Registration and Set-up
09:00 – 12:00	Opening Lecture
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Lab session/Lectures continued
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	Lab session/Lectures continued

Thursday, October 29th

08:30	Sampling Field Trip
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch – Pizza at the Lab
13:30 – 17:00	Hands-on Lab session; live material
18:00	Group dinner – TBA

Friday Morning, October 30th

8:30	Taxonomic Lab Session
11:00	Adjourn

What to bring to the workshop:

- Recommend bringing your own microscopes (dissecting and compound). Please share if you can.
- Taxonomic references and dissection tools.
- Field clothes and gear for Thursday's field trip.

Questions???
Please feel free to contact Dave Karlen, FAB Workshop Coordinator at karlen@epchc.org

Registration:

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Please Register Online at:

https://www.floridaaquaticbiologists.org/events.html

FAB Members: $ 70.00
Non-Members: $125.00
Student Non-Members: $45.00
Student Members: $35.00

Student Travel Awards

FAB offers travel awards for students attending annual meetings and taxonomy workshops. Awards will be given based on the applicant's distance in relation to the event location. Apply online at: https://www.floridaaquaticbiologists.org/student-travel-awards.html

Qualifications:

- Full-time graduate or undergraduate student currently registered at an institution

Award Amounts:

- $250 for annual meeting or taxonomy workshop
- $500 for combined annual meeting and taxonomy workshop

The deadlines for submitting applications for events are listed below.

Deadline for Submitting Applications for the 2026 Annual Meeting:
August 21, 2026

Deadline for Submitting Applications for the 2026 Fall Workshop:
October 2, 2026

Please make checks payable to Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists.

Memo: Fall Workshop Registration

Please mail registration checks to:

Scott Duncan, FAB Treasurer

Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists

395 Needle Boulevard
Merritt Island, FL 32953
(407) 504-9931

floridaaquaticbiologists.org

Registration payments will also be accepted at the workshop – but please register online ahead of time so we can get an accurate head count. Thank you.

Due to limited space, registrations are limited to 25. Please register early.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

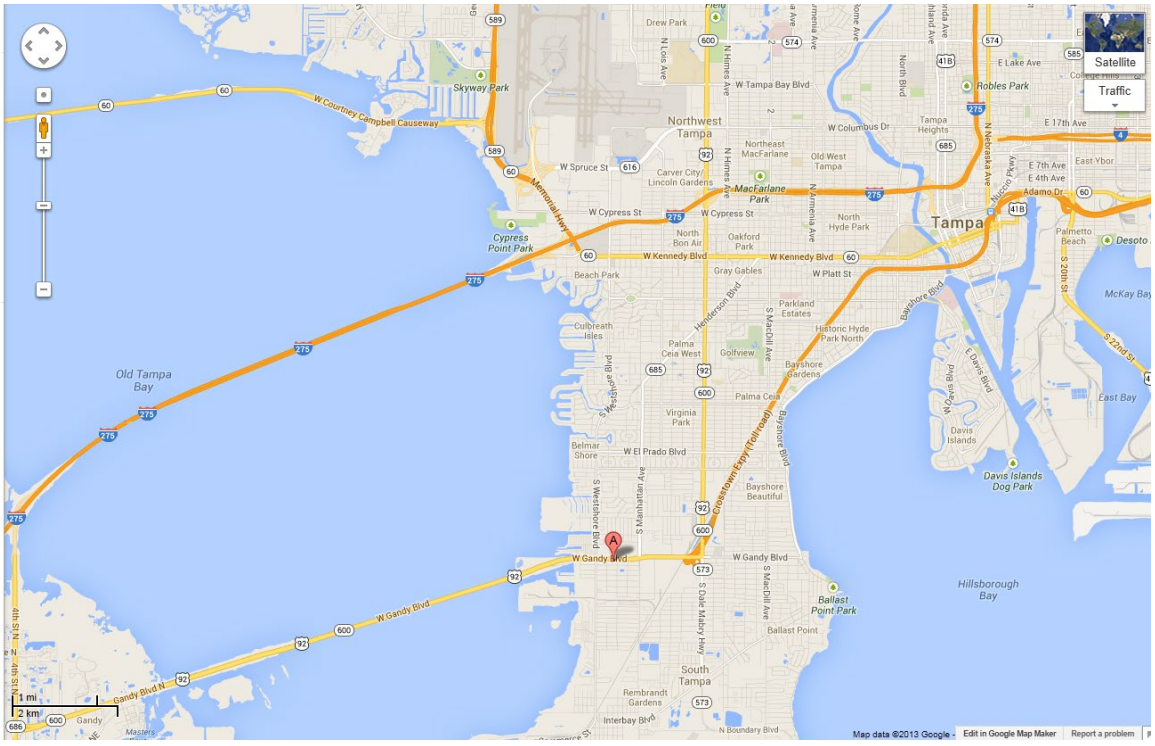
A block of rooms has been reserved at the **La Quinta Inn – Tampa South 4620 W. Gandy Blvd. 33611** for Tuesday October 27th through Thursday October 29th. Room rates are $129.00/night + tax (single occupancy). **The phone number for reservations is: (813) 835-6262** – mention that you are with the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists: Group Code is "FAB". **Please make reservations by October 19th to get the group rate.**

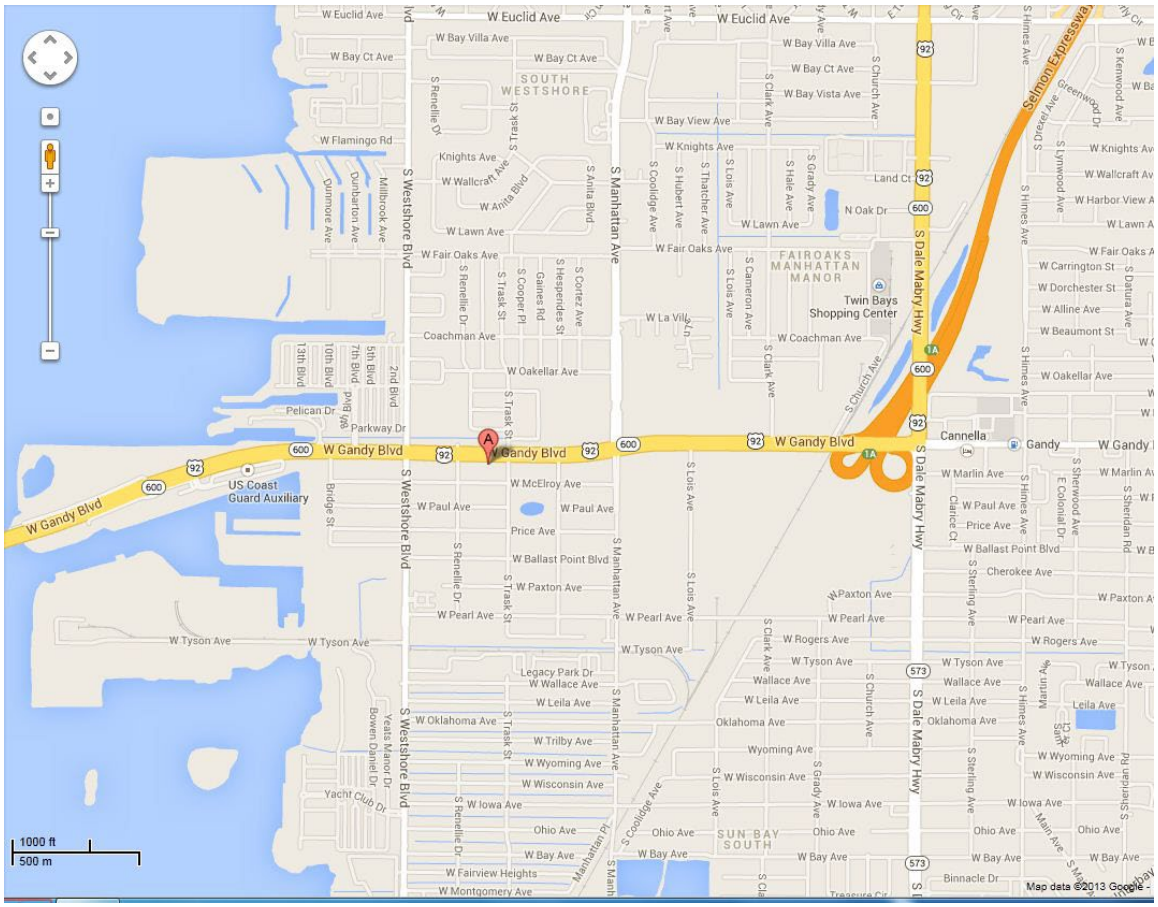
Directions to the La Quinta Inn:

From I-75 – Exit at I-4 west to I-275 South.

From I-275, take exit 41A – Dale Mabry Hwy. Head south on Dale Mabry to Gandy Blvd. Turn right on Gandy Blvd, the La Quinta Inn will be two blocks past Manhattan Ave. on the left.

From Tampa International Airport – follow signs to I- 275 North towards Tampa and exit at Dale Mabry Hwy. south (exit 41) and follow the directions above.

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Workshop Location:

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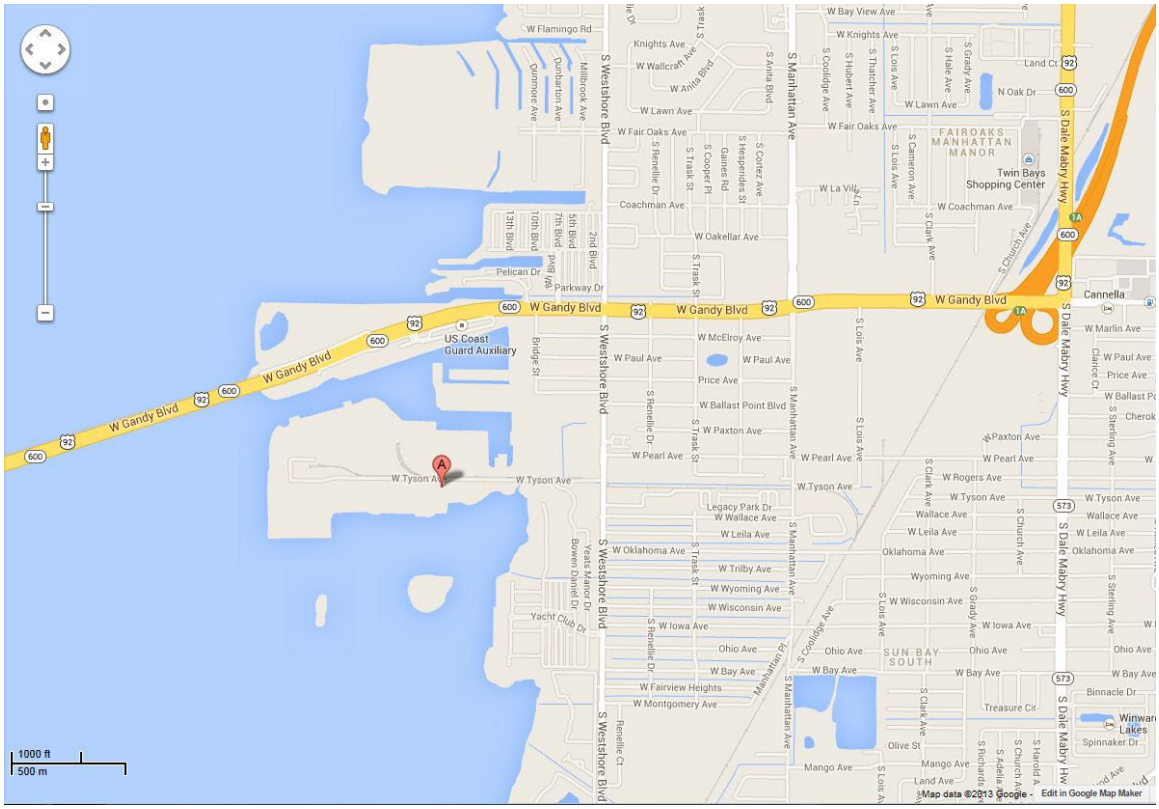

Directions to the University of Tampa Marine Science Center from the La Quinta Inn: Go west two blocks to Westshore Blvd. Turn left on Westshore Blvd. and head south for approximately ½ mile to W. Tyson Ave. – right before the RR crossing. Turn right on Tyson Ave., look for the large, boat dry storage building on your left– turn left into the PORT 32 Marina/Hula Bay parking lot – first entrance immediately past the boat dry storage building. The Marine Science Center is in the yellow two-story waterfront building on the second floor, far right end of the building. Parking is available on the right side of the parking lot in front of the Marine Science Center. If you get lost, you can call Dave Karlen at (813) 952-8762.