



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF AQUATIC BIOLOGISTS

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FALL 2024 TAXONOMIC WORKSHOP

Florida Nearshore and Estuarine Echinoderms

November 19 - 22, 2024

University of Tampa Marine Science Center

5222 W. Tyson Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611

The 2024 Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists Fall Taxonomic Workshop will be held on November 19-22 at the University of Tampa's Marine Lab on Tampa Bay. This year's workshop will focus on echinoderms, and we are pleased to have Dr. Richard Turner from the Florida Institute of Technology and Janessa Fletcher from FWC 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 and \$45.00 for students. 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: Open Until Filled

HOTEL ROOM BLOCK DEADLINE: October 31, 2024

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 and responses to the questions on the application. Awards in the amount of \$250 are available for the taxonomy workshop. The deadline to apply is **October 15**. For more details and to apply, please click [here](#).



2024 FAB Fall Marine Taxonomic Workshop Agenda November 19 – 22, 2024

Tuesday, November 19

08:00 – 09:00	Registration and Set-up
09:00 – 12:00	Opening Lecture with Richard Turner & Janessa Fletcher
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

Wednesday, November 20

08:30	Welcome
08:30 – 12:00	Sampling Cruise 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

Thursday, November 21

09:00 – 12:00	Lab session/Lectures continued
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
18:00	Group dinner – TBA

Friday Morning, November 22

08:30 – 11:00	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 Wednesday'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

Students: \$45.00

Please make checks payable to Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists.

Memo: Fall Workshop Registration

Please mail registration checks to:

Rob Mattson, FAB Treasurer
121 Palm Trail
East Palatka, FL 32131
(386) 329-4582

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 Monday November 18th through Thursday November 21st. Room rates are \$109.00/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 Name is “EPCHC block room”.

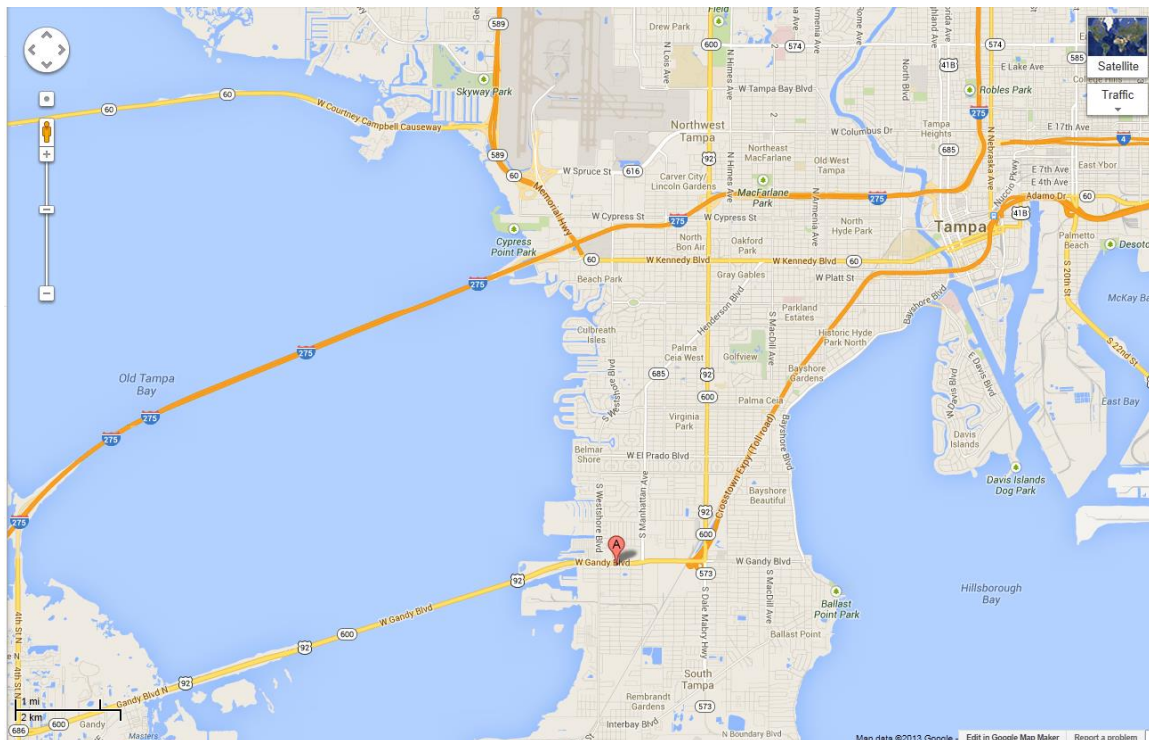
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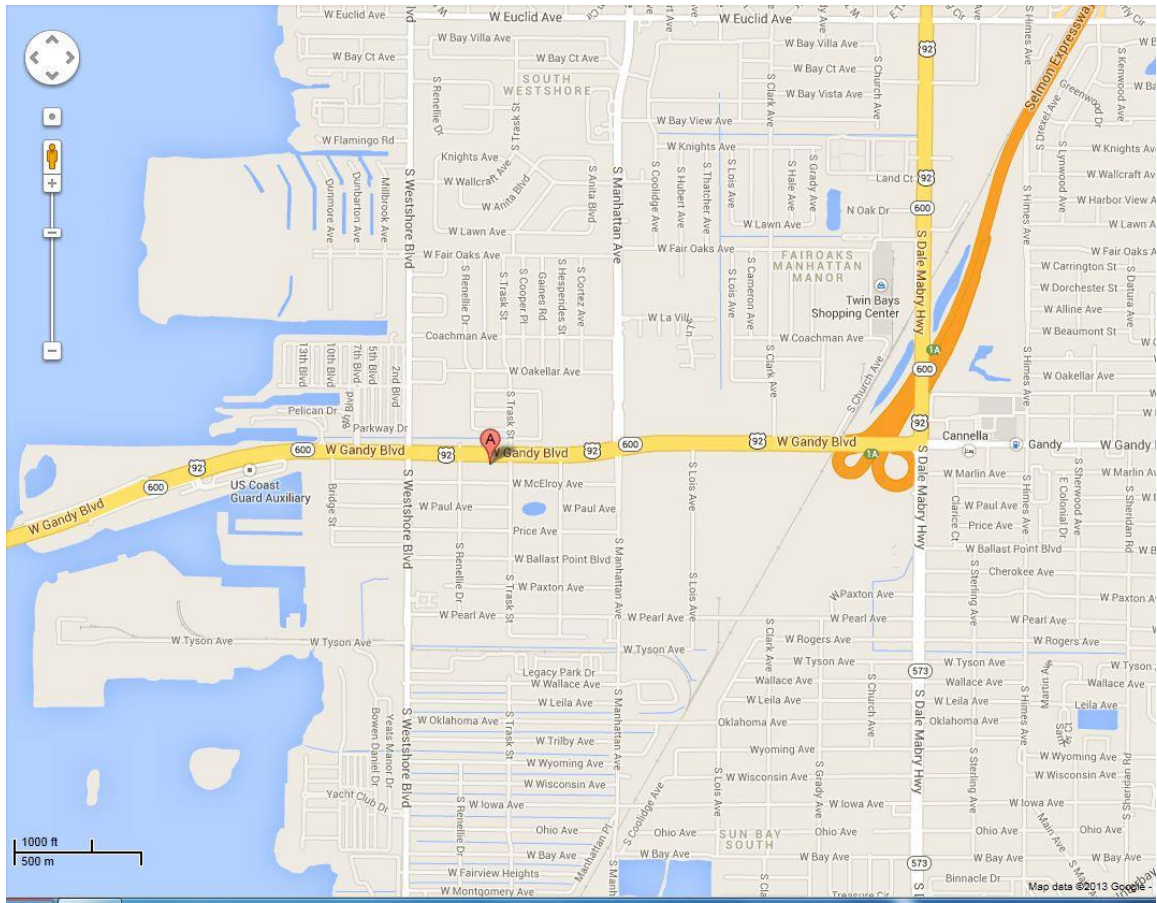
Directions to the La Quinta Inn:

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.

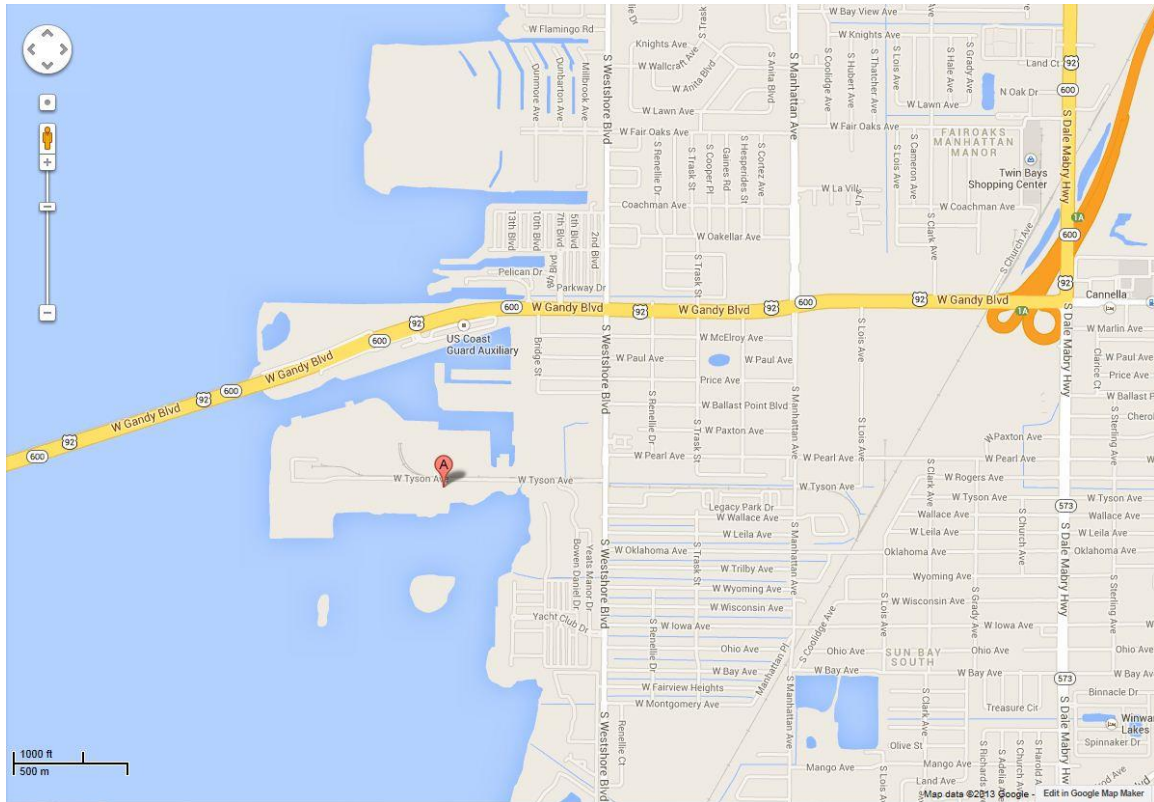
From Tampa International Airport – follow signs to I- 275 North towards Tampa, and exit at Dale Mabry Hwy. south (exit 41) and follow the directions above.





Workshop Location:

The University of Tampa, Marine Science Center is located at 5222 W. Tyson Ave., Tampa, Florida.



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 (you can't miss it) – turn left into the Tampa Harbor/Hula Bay driveway – first entrance immediately past the boat dry storage building. The Marine Science Center is located 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.