



LAST DAY OF SUMMER



This weather may make it seem like summer will never end, but unfortunately there is an official close to this sun-filled season. San Diego enjoys summer weather all year long, but you can still honor the end of California's favorite season. Grab a seat on a sunny patio, grasp a refreshing beverage, and send summer off in style on September 22.

Right in the heart of Mission Beach, [Sandbar](#) lets you cool off after a perfect beach day. The Sandbargarita is the house specialty, a mix of Espolon reposado tequila, fresh lime juice and agave nectar. You can even upgrade to a Cadillac-style version, served with a float of Grand Marnier. The Black Mai Tai Affair is the classic tiki accompaniment to plenty of sunshine, with Black Magic

and Bacardi Light rum mixed up with fresh lime juice and mai tai mix produced by renowned local brewery, Ballast Point.

Just steps from the Pacific Beach shoreline, [Pacific Beach Shore Club](#) offers refreshing summer breezes and great views of the surf and sand. If the weather's extra hot, their Tropical Red Bull Bacardi Rum Slush is a secret recipe of crushed ice and tropical flavors that helps you beat the heat. The Sandias Aqui is a tropical on the classic Dark and Stormy, featuring Jack Daniels mixed with watermelon juice, fresh lime, bitters and ginger beer.

Want to soak up the flavors of sunny San Diego in a pint glass? [Pacific Beach AleHouse](#) is an up-and-coming competitor in the city's burgeoning craft beer scene. Grab a seat on the spacious second-story balcony and try their full range of Alehouse creations. The Dry Hopped Lager is a crisp traditional lager with a batch of hops added right at the end of brewing to give a subtle suggestion of pale ale. Their Session IPA lets you get more of that hoppy taste, but with a lower alcohol percentage, making this sensational brew a summer-celebrating favorite.

Sitting back and watching the crowds stroll by in PB is a great way to spend your time at summer's end. Simply head through the industrial doors of [Tavern](#), grab a seat on the street side patio, and explore their Mixed Ideologies menu. Want to transport yourself to a Caribbean vacation? Their #But Why Is the Rum Gone? cocktail features Captain Morgan white rum with a house-made mango puree, fresh lime and an effervescent smashberry cuvee. The American Mule is a great warm-weather option – you can get this classic mix of American Harvest vodka, fresh lime, small-batch ginger beer and angostura served frozen.

With a huge menu of one-of-a-kind cocktails, [Backyard Kitchen & Tap's](#) patio space is a veritable testing ground for mixology. For that real backyard feel, try the Tiger's Tea, a mix of Bulleit Bourbon infused with spiced tea, combined with house-made lemonade and a lemon-mint garnish. Their Endless Summer fits the occasion; a tart, tropical beverage sporting Russian Standard vodka, fresh lemonade, thyme, tropical Red Bull and a lemon and thyme garnish.

[Duck Dive](#) is a local favorite among beach bums and surfers, making it the best spot for you and a group of friends to raise a final toast to the al fresco lifestyle. Order one of the Dive Punch Bowls, a huge cocktail served tableside for four to six people to split. The Right Hand Smash gets right to the tiki roots of these giant drinks, featuring Bacardi rum, maraschino liqueur, falernum, tiki bitters, tropical Red Bull, with fresh blackberries and pineapple thrown in. You also order a simple and refreshing White Sangria that's packed with fruit. The Jack Talk Thai is a fruitier take on the shareable beverage, with Bacardi Pineapple Fusion, Yellow Tail sparkling wine, cherry bitters, pineapple and fresh orange juice.