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Best of Summer 2013

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The best nearby getaway I discovered is just down the 405 at [Paradise Point](#). The 44-acre AAA Four-Diamond island resort is home to more than 600 types of plants and flowers and is encircled by a mile of beach. The resort also features the fine dining of [Baleen](#) and the casual waterfall-adjacent patio dining at the [Barefoot Bar & Grill](#).

The eco-friendly resort is next door to Sea World (there's even a shuttle-ferry for guests), and offers an array of recreational activities perfect for summertime, including many watersports, like sailboating, paddleboarding, jet skiing and kayaking on beautiful Mission Bay.



Barefoot Bar & Grill looks out over Mission Bay. (Photo by Scott Bridges)