

When one thinks inebriants in and the South, one may initially conjure up images of hoops skirts and mint juleps, brandies on the veranda, whiskeys on the back porch, or even moonshine in the bathtub. Suffice it to say, the relationship between liquor and the lands beneath the Mason-Dixon Line has always run deep. However, the land of Dixie isn't just for spirits and cocktails. For those more into hops and barley, than fermented fruit juice, Virginia Beach may just be the place for you.

With a bevy of breweries and draft houses that are just as storied as the land and people of the South herself. While some have been made of out literal houses, both farm and residential, while others have dedicated themselves to the memory of veterans, and others have honored the legacy of crafting German beers, throughout the Virginia Beach Beer scene, there is a sense of the old being revitalized and made new. Something the South has known to do from time to time.

Despite the vitality of its scene, Virginia Beach may not seem like an unlikely place to visit for beer. Further still, Fall may seem like an unlikely time to head to the shore. However, with its array of events running until nearly Halloween, there will be more than enough happening to keep your mind occupied and your beer glasses full.

## Wasserhund Oktoberfest

As more than 50 million Americans are of German ancestry, it is no surprise that certain traditions like Oktoberfest have remained in practice throughout the centuries. In Virginia Beach, a few local Virginia Beach Breweries will combine their collective sudsy powers to sponsor the Annual Wasserhund Oktoberfest. With over 30 local and regional breweries in attendance, this festival of German food, culture, and music is the perfect day of enjoyment to celebrate the first days of Fall.

## Biplanes & Brews Air Show

This festivity is for all military personnel and those who love them—the Biplanes & Brews Air Show. If you are a fan of history, aviation and craft beer, this may be the perfect celebration for you. Commemorating the centennial end of World War One, this Virginia Beach festival is great for the whole family. The kids can delight in the roar of the engines of the bi and triplanes as they soar overhead. Grandparents can dance and the live bands play the music of their parents and grandparents. Meanwhile, all adults can partake in samples of craft beers from all over the region.

Come and experience for yourself the thrill of flight and ice cold freshly brewed beer during this once in a lifetime experience.

## VA Beach Craft Beer Festival

A virtual Mecca for all beer lovers, this festival has it all—literally. Hosting 25 breweries from the eastern seaboard to the California Coast, and boasting more than 50 craft beers from the lightest ale to the darkest stouts, the Virginia Beach Craft Beer Festival if you love beer, this festival simply cannot be missed.

Hosted under a giant tent, this festival will be the most fun anyone has ever had under an awning, sans three rings, an elephant, and peanuts. A perfect girls' trip, couples retreat, and/or reunion for college friends, all who gather here are sure to have a great, and slightly tipsy, time.

So, whether you are a mint julep sipper or, light ale downer, a descendant of veteran or just a fan of the shore no matter the season, Virginia Beach is brimming with culture and fresh brews. Come and see for yourself!