

SUMMARY OF SEA-SURFACE TEMPERATURE DATA FOR 1932

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The table shows the mean monthly sea-surface temperatures for December 1931 and for the 12 months of 1932 in the Caribbean Sea¹ and the Straits of Florida.¹ For comparison, the latest revised normals for each month and for the year are included. These normals are 13-year means (1920 to 1932, inclusive) and replace² the 11-year means published in 1931.

CARIBBEAN SEA

It will be seen that the Caribbean Sea was warmer than normal in every month here summarized except December 1932. The mean temperature for September 1932 was the absolute highest for any month during the 13 years of record. The highest August and October mean temperatures in the 13 years also occurred in 1932. During the other months of 1932, the temperatures were lower than they had been in the same months of 1931, the warmest year of record. The year as a whole was warmer than any other except 1931.

STRAITS OF FLORIDA

The temperatures in the Straits of Florida were in most months of 1932 higher than normal. Lower than

normal mean temperatures occurred in April and May, but the 4 months, July to October, inclusive, were almost, though not quite, the warmest of record for these months. The temperature of the year as a whole equaled, within less than a tenth of a degree, that of the warmest of the given 13 years, namely, 1927.

Table 1.—Mean sea-surface temperatures (°F.) for December¹ 1931 and for January to December 1932

Month	Caribbean Sea		Straits of Florida	
	Mean	Normal	Mean	Normal
December 1931.....	80.6	80.4	78.4	76.6
January 1932.....	79.6	79.1	76.7	74.9
February.....	78.7	78.5	76.8	74.7
March.....	79.4	78.8	75.7	74.9
April.....	80.0	79.4	75.6	76.7
May.....	81.4	80.7	78.3	78.8
June.....	82.2	81.5	81.6	81.5
July.....	82.4	81.8	84.2	83.2
August.....	83.5	82.4	84.7	84.0
September.....	84.0	82.9	84.2	83.5
October.....	83.7	82.6	82.2	81.5
November.....	82.0	81.7	79.4	78.7
December.....	80.3	80.4	77.0	76.6
Year.....	81.4	80.8	79.7	79.2

¹ December 1931 to April 1932, inclusive, are revised values. Preliminary values, based on incomplete returns were published in the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW for these respective months in 1931 and 1932, q.v.

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