

Year 1959 Was Second Warmest in Past 43

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The year 1959 was the second warmest in the past 43, so far as sea surface temperatures at La Jolla were concerned. The average temperature was 65.0 degrees Fahrenheit. The year 1931 was the warmest, with an average of 65.3 degrees.

Unusually high temperatures have persisted off the southern California coast for the past 27 months, according to Margaret K. Robinson, oceanographer at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Sea-surface temperatures have been measured daily at Scripps for 43 years. Air temperatures in San Diego, which have been measured for more than 100 years, showed 1959 as the warmest year in history.