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## Timeshare Rentals and Sales of the Week

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### **SXM Timeshare Rentals of The Week:**

**RENTAL** 12/20/2015 12/27/2015 51 Royal Islander Club La Plage 1 Bdrm 1 bthrm, sleeps 4 Max. Fully equipped kitchen, spacious living room, pvt balcony overlooking gorgeous swimming pool & world famous Maho Beach. Resort is located within the "Maho" complex with numerous quality restaurants, night clubs, casino, retail stores & food market. All within 5 minute walk from resort. Rental car not necessary as local bus makes frequent stops in front of resort. Govt imposed occupancy tax of \$50 per week must be paid at check out time. Also have another 1 bedrm unit available same week. \$1,300 Ed Misiph 781-953-6799 [edmisiph@comcast.net](mailto:edmisiph@comcast.net)

**RENTAL:** January 16 to January 23, 2016 (week 3) Sapphire Beach Resort on Cupecoy Beach, sleep-four unit faces sunny Cupecoy Beach and the Caribbean Sea. Includes a genuine Jacuzzi whirlpool hot tub on the balcony, king size bed, full a/c, cable TV, DVD player, refrigerator with ice maker, marble bath, beautiful furnishings throughout. Resort has shops, restaurants, mini-mart, plus a large pool, whirlpool, and bar -- all on the ocean. Close to Starz Casino (formerly Atlantis World), many great restaurants including Dino Jagtiani's multi award-winning Temptation, plus Mullet Bay Beach, the Cupecoy clothing-optional beach, Baie Longue, and Baie Rouge on the French Side, with famous Orient Beach not much more than 20 minutes away. And did I say incredible restaurants? Asking only \$1099 for rent or \$3799 to buy. Photos available. Phone Jeff at (508) 747-8281 or email [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com)

### **SXM Timeshare Sales of The Week:**

**SALE** Jan. 24-31,2016 week 4 Divi Little Bay Beach and Racquet Club Deluxe studio: recently renovated 800 sq ft Unit 340 beside the Infinity Pool; sleeps 4, mini kitchen with apt size fridge and microconvect oven. Huge whirlpool tub and shower. Secure balcony with table and chairs and chaise long with ocean view. 3 swimming pools and long sandy beach; minimart and restaurants on site. Located on a private secure peninsula between 2 bays. Can walk to Philipsburg for shopping. \$900.00 Rosemary 613 352-5752 [rosemarywebster129@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarywebster129@gmail.com)

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### **Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:**

See them all at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml)

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### **SECTION 1: Getting There: Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather**

#### **1. AA In Major Computer Snafu; Computer Systems Merger Could Make Things Worse**

American Airlines last Thursday suffered a major computer snafu. As a result, many flights at three major American hubs — Chicago, Dallas, and Miami — were delayed and others were canceled.

The snafu had nothing to do with the merger of American's computer system with that of US Airways that's due next month. Such major computer migrations often cause massive headaches, and this one — between two airlines that are very big to begin with — could cause headaches throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday rushes, not a pretty thought. If you're flying AA anywhere during that period, heads up....

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#### **2. Reminder: Confirm Your Flights**

There were still more reports this week of people being surprised by changes in airline flight schedules, particularly from New York to St. Maarten — this time on American Airlines.

On some days, the news has been good — 757 jets replaced by bigger 767s.



But on other days, the news is bad — with nonstops discontinued.

No doubt American Airlines is trying to figure out how to integrate the disparate fleets of two global airlines. It needs to know what equipment should be where, when. At the end of August, American sent an aircraft from Los Angeles to Honolulu that was not certified for long overwater flights; the airline does have a way to go..

Bottom line, confirm your flights — regardless of which airline you're flying to St. Maarten. And do it a few times in the weeks leading up to your flight date.

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### 3. A Great Source of Low Airfares & More Available Free to JMB Members

JMB Website Supporters now gives you access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on packages not just to the Caribbean, but worldwide.

Retail travel sites — the ones whose names you know very well — are heavily regulated. But private travel clubs like this, which normally charge members prices for membership/admission, are regulated differently and consequently, can offer much better pricing.

The organization providing these travel benefits has been traveling under the radar for 25 years and is only now making its travel reservations prowess publicly known. It's SkyMed Travel Club and it is entirely separate from the [SkyMed "takes you home" medical evacuation service](#) we've been recommending to you since shortly after the millennium.

The SkyMed Travel Club offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have been testing it for months and have found the pricing to be extraordinary — even on the wildly popular river cruises that are a tourism phenomenon throughout Europe and are quickly gaining popularity here in the US.

And normally, this organization charges you \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Exclusively through us, you get access to a world-class global ticketing mechanism without paying one cent to get in the door. Go to the members-only Secret Website and click on the Low Airfare Grid for details on the SkyMed Travel Club. Log in through the orange login box below the masthead at [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com). Your username is the email address you have registered with Membership Services. If you forgot your password, click "forgot password" in the login box.

**Do join the SkyMed Travel Club and use them to make all your travel reservations; you will not be disappointed once you've booked through them.**

Not a JMB member yet? See story #13. Membership is on sale but *the sale is over at midnight PDT on Monday, 9/21.*

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### 4. Using SkyMed Travel for Flight Reservations? Tell Us How Much You Saved...

Since last September, we've recommended using the SkyMed Travel Club — which is free for JMB Website Supporters members and \$99 per year for others — for all your travel reservations. The previous article details why.

Now, we want to know from those who have done it how much money you saved over traditional ticket providers. Let us know. We'll add time to the JMB membership of the member who had the best savings. Email your story to [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject SkyMed Travel.

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### 5. Inconsequential Storminess In Far Eastern Tropical Atlantic

The storm that had formed over the Eastern tropical Atlantic about a week ago was predicted by some forecasters to be a possible source of much-needed rain for St. Maarten starting on Friday, September 18.

But that storm and another behind it off the west coast of Africa are meandering generally northward to northwestward near the Cape Verde islands, and they both may well fall apart. We'll keep our eye on the second storm and let you know if anything changes. But right now, neither appears to be any kind of threat to any land area.

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## 6. A Tropical Weather Breather, for Now

As a result of the movement of two Eastern Atlantic tropical systems generally north northwestward away from any land areas, it looks like the coming week will be a quiet one weatherwise for St. Maarten. There appears to be little likelihood of any tropical systems affecting the islands for at least the next several days.

To check current satellite images and local forecasts, just click Weather on [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com).

Should storms form and threaten SXM, we will post advisories on our everything SXM Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6297726366/>

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## 7. Fall Weather: What To Expect

Usually, fall weather is sunny with an increasing likelihood of showers. As we get closer to the end of the year, it's considered rainy season, though there is usually plenty of sun between those occasional showers.

This year, all bets are off, thanks to the major El Niño underway in the Pacific. That condition is already bringing rain to California — and mudslides along with it — and it appears to have caused the drought that has been so severe in the Caribbean. So, this could be a really dry rainy season. We hope not — the island badly needs rain.

### **SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares**

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## 8. Court Decision on Alegria vs. Marty's Dream Bar Due October 2

Alegria — that beloved organization that told Caravanserai timeshare owners to hit the road and has been trying for months to throw out Marty's Dream Pool Bar at the former Caravanserai timeshare resort — had its day in court last week, when it tried once again to throw Marty out. It tried that once before and it was resoundingly unsuccessful.

The court says it will make a decision on October 2. There are a lot of people who are on Marty's side, hoping that Alegria loses again. We'll let you know.

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## 9. Pace of Timeshare Rentals Accelerates; Sales Even Starting to Move

Although we are still basing these observations on purely anecdotal evidence, we strongly believe that the market for rental timeshares is accelerating even beyond the levels we talked about here a few weeks ago.

On our timeshare rental page on [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com), we are seeing more rentals concluded in a shorter period than we have seen in years. The pace of rentals continues to accelerate, especially for winter weeks.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, timeshare sales have been slow and inexpensive. There is a glimmer of hope for timeshare owners wanting to sell their units that this situation is changing, as well. It appears to us that sales of timeshare units — thanks to historically low prices — are themselves accelerating, which is great news for anxious sellers and eager buyers.

Posting timeshare rentals and sales on [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com) is one of 239 benefits available to JMB Website Supporters members. For more information on joining, see story #13 in this issue.

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## 10. Want a Hotel On The Beach? Here Are Some Choices

St. Maarten has a large number of beach hotels, as does St. Martin.

However, if you think a little bit about the definition of a beach hotel, you realize that virtually every hotel on the island is a beach hotel. Fact is, most hotels are either close to the beach or a very brief ride to it.

So select the hotel that offers the amenities you seek and the location that's best for you. After just a short drive, you'll be on the beach anyway.

And don't forget if you're a newbie — St. Maarten offers both textile and clothing optional beaches. If you haven't tried the latter, this may be the year to do it. You can read a little about Jeff's first experience trying a clothing-optional beach right here: <http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/beaches/tryingnaturism.shtml>

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## 11. SXM Timeshare Resort of the Week #12

Despite heavy adverse publicity about several SXM timeshare resorts, there are many on the island that are quite well-run, responsive to their timeshare owners, and reasonable in cost. In this series we've been talking about several of them. Each one we list will be added below, most recent first.

This series is taking a breather for September. If you're familiar with a SXM timeshare not shown here, and feel we should include it, please email us at [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "timeshare of the week."

We also suggest you go to our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) and ask there about specific resorts and about the *recent* experience of people there. *Recent* matters greatly -- you won't benefit from yesterday's news.

Timeshare resorts covered so far in this series:

Dawn Beach Club <http://www.dawnbeachclub.com> 9/8/15  
Princess Port de Plaisance Resort: <http://princessportdeplaisance.com> (not many good pictures) 8/31/15  
Atrium Resort <http://www.festiva-atrrium.com/> (8/24/15)  
Flamingo Beach Resort <https://www.diamondresorts.com/Flamingo-Beach-Resort> (8/17/15)  
Bel Air Beach Hotel [www.belairbeach.com](http://www.belairbeach.com) (8/10/15)  
Royal Palm Beach Hotel <https://www.diamondresorts.com/Rentals/royal-palm-beach-resort> (8/3/15)  
Summit Resort Hotel [www.thesummitresort.com](http://www.thesummitresort.com) (7/27/15)  
Divi Little Bay Resort <http://www.divioresorts.com/divi-little-bay-beach-resort-st-maarten.htm> (7/20/15)  
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Royal Islander: <http://www.royalislander.com/> (6/22/15)

Watch for more next week. SEA PALACE

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## 12. Where To Look for Villas to Rent or to Buy

Many villas are not as expensive as you think. They offer great privacy, truly fine personalized service, and some amazing amenities, including awesome views and gourmet kitchens.

To see our top choices for villas, go here: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/where\\_to\\_stay/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/where_to_stay/index.shtml)

If you'd like to buy a villa, go here:

<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/sponsors/st-maarten-st-martin-homes-villas-businesses-comme.shtml>

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### SECTION 3: Island

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## 12a. Why Is This Issue So Early?

SXM Weekly News is dated Monday. So, why was this issue emailed the prior Friday morning? Two reasons: first, the last sale for quite some time is in its final extension and it ends Monday night 9/21 at midnight. We wanted to tell you that without barraging you with promotional emails. (The prices are excellent -- see the next story.)

Reason #2: Jeff is headed west on a trip Monday and dealt with *Weekly News* early. So... here it is.

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## 13. Last Call: September Membership Sale Ends Monday Night 9/21/15; Just \$49

The final brief extension of our September Membership Sale ends Monday night September 21.

239 St. Maarten / St. Martin discounts and other benefits are yours for a full year for just \$49 -- or \$109 for five years. Our September Membership Sale offers low sale prices not only on new memberships, but also on renewals and reinstatements.

Here are prices and details:

### New memberships:

**\$49 for one year but \$109 for five full years. Other durations available.**

[http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

### Renewal memberships:

**One year \$34; Seven years just \$99:**

[www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

### Membership Reinstatements:

**One year \$35; Five years \$89; Seven years \$115**

<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinststate/index.shtml>

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## 14. Mario's Bistro, Leisure Car Rental To Offer Benefits for JMB Members

This week, the number of benefits we offer is increasing to 239. They are from Mario's Bistro and from Leisure Car Rental and will be live on our members-only Secret Site in the next week or so.

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## 15. Got Pre-Existing Conditions? That's a Huge Reason To Buy SkyMed Now

This past week, we posted an article on our everything St. Maarten Facebook Site entitled: *How To "Beat" The 90-Day Waiting Period on Pre-Existing Conditions Effective on New SkyMed Medevac Memberships*

Although the headline may sound a bit devious, it's not devious at all: it's just pure common sense.

*SkyMed, the medical evacuation people who take you home when you become critically ill or injured while traveling, covers pre-existing conditions after a 90 day waiting period. To make sure you are covered when you travel, just buy your annual or ultimate SkyMed membership more than 90 days before you travel and make it effective IMMEDIATELY. In other words, DO IT NOW. See [www.skymed.com/jmbxsm](http://www.skymed.com/jmbxsm). Got questions? Email Jeff at [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) and he'll be happy to contact you with the answers. As a bonus, you will get a JMB membership extension or new JMB membership equivalent to the SkyMed term you buy from SkyMed through us during this special promotion. DO IT NOW... and you will have no future issues once that 90 day waiting period is over. JMB memberships are separate from SkyMed and deliver 239 discounts in SXM.*

### ----- SkyMed On Sale: Lots of Life-Saving Benefits, Low Cost -----

If you've been thinking about buying SkyMed but just haven't gotten around to it, this is the time.

**SkyMed takes you home when you become critically ill or injured while traveling — home to doctors and**

**hospitals you know and trust. With rare exceptions, your medical insurance from the US or Canada isn't valid in St. Maarten. There is also no trauma center in St. Maarten, and the sophisticated medical treatments available at leading US hospitals have no equivalent in St. Maarten. So if you become critically ill or injured, you really do need to get home to the US or Canada and get the help you need.**

*Thanks to this sale, that has now become a whole lot easier. There are two key reasons.*

First, for every year of SkyMed medical evacuation protection you buy from us during the sale, you get an equivalent year of JMB Website Supporters membership free, on us, which brings you an increasing spectrum of benefits and discounts, soon to number close to 250. If you are already a JMB member, we will extend your membership on us for a number of years equal to your new or upgraded SkyMed membership. If you are not a JMB member and buy SkyMed through us, we will establish a JMB Website Supporters membership for you equal to your new or upgraded SkyMed membership's duration of one year or more.

SkyMed costs next to nothing when you buy it for a few days (less than \$18/day per family), or it costs \$499 for a family plan covering an entire year. The critically important advantage of buying yearly coverage is that you are covered for as long as you continue to renew your membership regardless of your age or health at the time of the renewal. Buy a "short term" plan for a week or so, and you must requalify medically every time you re-apply.

That same crucial benefit also applies if you get a SkyMed three-year or five-year "Ultimate" membership, the best they offer. (It's also what Jeff has had for a number of years).

The SkyMed Ultimate normally sells for a three-year or a five-year term. One critical advantage of the Ultimate — besides the fact that it covers you around virtually the entire world — is that you are covered in case the price of crude oil makes a U-turn and starts skyrocketing again -- which in fact it seems to be doing right now. Since medical evacuation jets use expensive jet fuel, current pricing for SkyMed annual memberships may increase with the cost of jet fuel. A five-year Ultimate membership will cost you either \$59 per month per family, or much less if you prepay it and are a JMB Website Supporters member.

The price is considerably less when you prepay. Non JMB members pay \$3495 in advance for five full years for the five-year Ultimate; JMB members pay only \$2495 through us — and remember, because of the bonus we mentioned above, when you sign up we will also sign you up for JMB membership *enabling you to save \$1000 on a five year Ultimate membership that is not available for the same discounted price to nonmembers.*

For answers to questions about SkyMed, or to sign up, regardless of whether you are a current JMB member, and to get these JMB membership bonuses and discounts, call JMB Communications weekdays during normal business hours at area code 508-747-8281 and ask for Jeff. This offer can be withdrawn at any time, so please do it soon. That's \$1000 off a five-year Ultimate plus a free JMB membership or membership extension -- available only by calling our office. You can learn more about SkyMed at [www.skymed.com/jmbsxm](http://www.skymed.com/jmbsxm) but these JMB discounts are not available online. JMB members only, see [www.skymed.com/jmbspecial](http://www.skymed.com/jmbspecial) .

When you sign up for the bonus SkyMed memberships as shown above, email [support@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:support@jmbcommunications.com) and tell us. We'll verify the sign-up and that it is through us, then process your bonus. But do it soon... this won't last forever.

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## 16. Mario's Bistro About To Open in Porto Cupecoy

Mario's, the legendary Marigot restaurant on the channel through the French side drawbridge, has closed its restaurant there and has set up shop near the Ernest and Fidel restaurant in the plaza at Porto Cupecoy.

We are being told that the restaurant looks spectacular and is almost ready to open. In fact, it looks like their soft opening will come as early as the first couple of weeks of October, though the dates are not yet solid.

Mario's has always been a standout among island restaurants. Now, it appears ready to give Dutch side restaurants a run for their money.

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## 17. Dozens and Dozens of SXM Restaurants Offer Great Discounts to JMB Members

Now, almost every conceivable type of restaurant you can find on St. Maarten / St. Martin offers discounts to JMB Website Supporters members. That includes dozens and dozens of restaurants on both sides of the island — with a significant number of new restaurants joining us in time for the next high season.

If you've never been a member or if you were a member before, it will pay you to join JMB Website Supporters now. Our sale ends Monday night September 21 and there are no other sales on the horizon — so this is it. Join today. See article 13.

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## 18. Correction Concerning Bamboo Restaurant at Maho and Elisa Cohen's "Shanghai Brasserie" at Porto Cupecoy

For the first time in its 23-year history, through a reporting error JMB published an incorrect story regarding Bamboo (formerly Bamboo Bernies) Restaurant. That restaurant is *not* relocating to Porto Cupecoy and is quite happy at its current Maho location. The correct story is below. Elisa Cohen, the seasoned SXM restaurateur who formerly owned Bikini Beach at Orient Beach, is opening a new restaurant at the former site of New York Brasserie at Porto Cupecoy and Jim Goldman of Bamboo is assisting her. We apologize for the story error and for any inconvenience it may have caused.

This is the correct story:

*Long-time SXM restaurateur Elisa Cohen, former owner of Bikini Beach Bar and Restaurant at Orient Beach, is working on a new concept called "Shanghai Brasserie" which will be located at Porto Cupecoy on the site of the former New York Brasserie. Jim Goldman, owner of Bamboo (formerly Bamboo Bernie's) is assisting.*

*The new restaurant will have a Chinese chef from Taiwan and "an interesting fusion menu," Elisa says. We'll let you know when it's going to open.*

*There have been rumors of Bamboo moving out of Maho to Porto Cupecoy but those rumors are not correct. In fact, new and "very talented" sushi chefs are joining Bamboo at Maho. "Little Bamboo" is open in Simpson Bay and is doing very well.*

*We hope to publish more about all three restaurants going forward.*

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## 19. Many Pictures of All The Replacement Bars & Restaurants at Orient Beach

Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) shows you many pictures of all the replacement bars and restaurants on Orient beach.

For those of you who have been off the planet for the last several months, all the restaurants and bars on Orient beach between Kontiki and Pedro's were demolished last June in preparation for new structures to replace them. The renovations, handled by the Nature Reserve, places the new buildings significantly farther from the shore than before, increasing the size of the beach. The reconstruction plans had been announced very early this year and were publicized in detail in *St. Maarten Weekly News*.

The June demolition and site preparation took several weeks. After foundations were poured, interior and exterior walls were constructed and roofs were added to some structures this week.

Most of the businesses that were located there before are expected to return. The project is slated for completion in November.

If you're visiting the island over the next couple of months, we invite you to join our Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site and post your pictures:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6297726366/>

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## 20. Do You Own a SXM-Based Tourist-Oriented Business? If So, Read This:

If you own a tourist-oriented business on St. Maarten / St. Martin or neighboring islands and you would like to increase foot traffic to your business, and are willing to offer our JMB members discounts or other enticements to patronize you, you should read this.

JMB Website Supporters currently offers its members 239 discounts and other benefits across the island. We have a number of additional benefits agreed to, and those will be posted very shortly.

For you to participate, we ask for a benefit or discount that will make it worthwhile for people to come and check out/patronize your business. That discount should be better than anything you offer elsewhere since we don't charge you to participate in this program.

For complete information, please write to [Susan@JMBcommunications.com](mailto:Susan@JMBcommunications.com) with the subject "potential discount or benefit."

Feel free to share this with others. If you're a tourist who knows someone you feel should participate, by all means pass this along to them. If you're a JMB member and talk to a business that later comes to us to offer our members a discount or benefit *and tells us you referred them*, we will lengthen your JMB membership by year as a result. We'll just need them to give us your registered e-mail address.

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## 21. How to Enter Our Eight-Vacation Giveaway

We expect to surpass 4.5-million visits to [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) during the first half of 2016 -- or conceivably earlier -- depending literally on how often you visit the site. (Visit it often and we'll give away these vacations sooner.)

Here's where you could be going:

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- Oyster Bay Beach Resort;
- La Vista or La Vista Beach
- Summit Resort
- Baker's Suites
- Club Fantastico
- *Hotel L'Esplanade OR Le Petit Hotel OR Blue Pelican*
- Simpson Bay Resort

It is likely that we will be adding more vacations, and it is certain that we'll be adding dinners for two and much more.

Enter here:

[http://everythingxm.com/sxm/getting\\_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml](http://everythingxm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml)

Full rules are on the page.

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## 22. Time Running Out To Get Your SXM Euro Oval Stickers

*We are continuing to accept orders for our very popular copyrighted SXM Euro Oval stickers -- green lettering on a white vinyl background with twin palm trees in the background. They measure 5 3/4" x 3 3/4". You've likely seen them across SXM, and we posted them on Labor Day on our Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site. This offer will expire for the winter in October.*

You can now order your own... We're currently offering them to our *SXM Weekly News* readers at economical pricing. They are three for \$10. We use them on our cars and on smooth hard-sided luggage, which makes the luggage very easy to spot on carousels. They're printed on durable vinyl to last long and they have a varnish coating to help protect against fading.

You can pay us through PayPal (have the payment go to [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) ) but please specify what you're ordering and where they're to be shipped. Include your phone number. Buy some for friends too... If you want more than three, just place multiple orders. Or pay by check payable to JMB Communications but again please specify what you're ordering and where they're to be shipped (all must go to the same address). Include

your phone number. Buy some for friends too... Mail your check to **SXM Weekly News Ovals**, c/o JMB Communications, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Sorry, no Canadian checks.

N. B.: Orders are shipped only to the USA and Canada. Allow six weeks for delivery. Questions about the ovals? Address them to [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject SXM Ovals. JMB members, please see our recent emails to you about SXM Euro Ovals for important info.

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## 23. Interact With Fellow SXM Visitors on Our Everything SXM Facebook Page

Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which has been around for several years, covers SXM happenings in words and pictures from its thousands of users, and enables people to ask questions, get answers, post trip reports, etc. We also post things there between issues of *SXM Weekly News*.

Besides that ... the 5000th person to "like" that page will be among the "Final 60" people we call when we give away eight vacations early next year. You are welcome to join our Facebook Site.

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## 24. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look right here: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free\\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml)

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## 25. Restaurant of The Week

This feature is taking a break for September and will return next month. See many previously featured restaurants below. Most of the listed restaurants offer discounts to JMB Website Supporters members; see the Secret Site for details.

Featured previously:

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 4/6/15)

**Canoa**, [www.canoasxm.com](http://www.canoasxm.com) (featured 3/23/15)

**SkipJack's SXM**, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 6/15/15)

**Cugini** (featured 12/8/14); Cugini is no longer open.

**Trattoria Pizza Pasta**, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 5/11/15)

**Daniel's By The Sea**, [www.dawnbeachxsm.com](http://www.dawnbeachxsm.com) (featured 7/13/15)

**Domino's Pizza** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 8/10/15)

**Spiga**, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 2/23/15)

**Fusion**, [www.fusionrestaurant-sxm.com](http://www.fusionrestaurant-sxm.com) (featured 1/26/15)

**The Hideaway**, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 4/28/14)

**Stone Restaurant**, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://www.thestonerestaurant.com) (featured 9/2/14)

**Le Pressoir**, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 8/31/15)

**Temptation**, <http://www.rareandtemptation.com/EN/temptation/>

**Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant**, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 1/19/15)

**Mr. Busby's Beach Bar** <http://www.dawnbeachxsm.com> (featured 2/23/15)

**Island Pizza**, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 5/18/15)  
**Pineapple Pete**, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 2/2/15)  
**Papagayo**, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 5/4/15)  
**Coconut Grove (formerly SPN Cafe)**, <http://www.pineapplepete.com/sport.html> (featured 8/18/14)  
**Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar** (on Cupecoy beach; follow the car path from the far side of Ocean Club to get there). (featured 4/27/2015)  
**FIG, Cupecoy opposite Rainbow Beach Club**  
**St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge**  
**Jimbo's**, [www.jimboscafe.com](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 4/13/15)  
**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 11/10/14)  
**Topper's / Topper's By The Sea** <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 8/31/15)  
**Taloula Mango** <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15)  
**Bylbos, Simpson Bay**  
**Sushiitto Japanese Restaurant**, Port de Plaisance <https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm> (featured 1/12/15)  
**Mario's Bistro**, moving to Porto Cupecoy, Dutch Side [www.mariosbistro.com](http://www.mariosbistro.com) (featured 8/17/15)

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## 26. Tech Talk: Fixing Slow Systems

Over the years, we've worked with many sophisticated computer tech support folks. One of them several years ago told us about "ccleaner," (computer cleaner) which pretty much fixes whatever software issues may ail your system. It does too much to get into here, but basically, it fixes stuff that Windows should know enough to fix itself but doesn't. Their basic program, which is very good, is free. Google "ccleaner" and you'll find it easily. We like it a lot.

Index of all Tech Talk stories (alphabetical):

Backing Up #1010  
Defragmentation #1006  
Malware: Stopping Malware in its Tracks #1011  
Slow Systems - How To Fix Them #1012  
Uninterruptable Power Supplies #1007  
Windows 10 #1005

Access these stories in the issue # noted above in our *SXM Weekly News* PDF Archives pages, here:  
[http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free\\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml)

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## 27. Caribbean Rum & Beer Festival Set for Early November

What a neat idea -- perhaps even an excuse for an extra trip down. Here you go:

<https://www.rumandbeerfestival.com/>

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C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) .

### SECTION 5: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 12/31/14

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