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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

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SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

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Check Out Our Linked-In "St. Maarten and St. Martin Travelers" Group (Free; Timeshare Focus):

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

1. Southwest Air Closing in on Service to SXM

Southwest Airlines is moving closer to adding SXM to its route map, probably in 2018. It is working with the island now on due diligence but says that coming to SXM is a matter of *when*, not *if*.

SXM Weekly News had first published news of Southwest's interest in SXM more than two years ago; it was last week when the news finally came from Dutch Side sources for publication.

Southwest says it is eyeing new International facilities at FTL as the point of embarkation for its SXM flights. Earlier, we knew that BWI was under consideration but FTL is superior both from an infrastructure perspective and because of its climate -- weather-related cancellations are unlikely, unlike BWI. Nonetheless, BWI still looks likely to us for possible future Southwest expansion to SXM beyond the launch of its FTL service.

This could still fall through, but we don't think it will. As always we'll keep you posted. See next story.

2. Jet Blue Eyes Service from Ft. Lauderdale; D. C. Possible?

Happy with the performance of its daily nonstop service to SXM from JFK and its nonstops from Boston, Jet Blue is well down the path toward launching service to SXM from the new international facilities at FTL.

This is especially significant because Southwest is planning to fly to SXM from the same airport. So, it's logical to expect a price war. Even legacy carrier American Airlines is likely to get involved, since its multiple daily flights from MIA would be in direct competition with Southwest and Jet Blue flights from FTL -- though the three airlines have huge differences in the product they deliver to passengers.

Bottom line, when JB and SW launch, a pricing free-for-all will likely break loose and passengers will be huge beneficiaries.

For Jet Blue, its growth to SXM won't end at FTL. We know the airline has acquired many gates at DCA Airport so that appears to us to be a highly likely additional point of departure for future JB flights to SXM. But the airline moves very deliberately and methodically in its selection process so flights from DCA aren't imminent. But we feel they will be coming.

3. "Today's SXM Weather" Now On Our Everything SXM Facebook Site

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find forecasts by clicking Weather on our site, www.everythingsxm.com.

4. Where To Find Current SXM Weather Info (Four Key Sources)

Here they are:

- a) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- b) Our "Weather" page at www.everythingsxm.com -- it has current satellite images and radar loops.
- c) Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- d) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see www.island92.com. They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.

See significant National Hurricane Center Outlooks and Advisories as they relate both to SXM and to the US East and Gulf coasts on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.

5. 110% Guarantee Now On SkyMed Travel Club Hotel, Car Rental Rates (Updated 2/18/17)

SkyMed offers you a 110% Lowest Rate Guarantee for both hotel and car rental reservations. You can't lose with this, so read this article, sign up free and make your travel reservations directly through SkyMed Travel.

What it Is - How to Join (free for Our Readers):

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on travel reservations and packages worldwide.

The SkyMed Travel Club offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their new 110% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is a big deal.

Normally, this organization charges \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members and now for everyone else, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Join the Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. ***If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number here to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.***

You will not be disappointed.

5a. Hurricane Season Could be Adventurous -- Stick With Us for Updates

Water temps in the western Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico are at seasonal record highs, sources say. If this continues, storms could rev up faster during hurricane season (6/1 - 11/30) and they could potentially be a greater threat to coastal areas.

If an El Nino forms, even a slight one, that could enhance wind sheer, adversely affecting storm formation and intensification. But a busy season appears quite likely right now.

Click "Weather" on www.everythingsxm.com for more. We will continue to post urgent weather info on our private JMB Website Supporters Facebook Site (members only) and on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

6. Oyster Bay Beach Resort Acquires Coral Beach Club: Details & Followup

What follows is a condensed/edited version of the news release on this acquisition followed by comments from OBRR General Manager Ricardo Perez.

Pearl Development N.V., developer of the Oyster Bay Beach Resort (OBRR) in St. Maarten, has purchased 11 of the 24 units in the neighboring Coral Beach Club, along with the reception office. The resort is regarded as one of the most popular and highest-rated villa and townhouse resorts available for hotel occupancy on SXM.

The acquisition, made for an undisclosed amount, was led by Pearl Development Executive VP and General Counsel Mike Dolente.

"While enjoying the resort feel, Coral Beach Club provides the highest in quality residences - right on Dawn Beach and Oyster Pond," said Dolente. "The affiliation of the upscale resort will enhance the opportunities for our OBRR owners to trade-up to even more luxurious and more private vacation homes."

He said Coral Beach Club would continue to be operated with little change in personnel or other operational considerations. Coral Beach Club will complement the services and facilities at OBRR but will maintain a separate and distinct community and identity for its owners and guests. However, OBRR will provide 24-hour management, augmented security, and other services for Coral Beach Club owners and guests.

Of the units purchased, six are beachfront, four face the marina, and one is an apartment as well as an office and reception center. The six residences on the oceanfront are three- or four-bedroom villas featuring spectacular panoramic views of Dawn Beach and Oyster Pond Marina. Each of these units also has a private pool; a travertine marble pool deck; and a short, private walkway to the beach.

Four of the units are two-bedroom, water-side townhouses with views of the three marinas on Oyster Pond. The townhouses also offer access to a semi-private central swimming pool overlooking Oyster Pond. Also included in the purchase is a spacious second-floor, two-bedroom apartment with ocean views and a walkway to the beach.

The reception building, also used by the other owners at the resort, will be remodeled in a modern, elegant, and spacious style by professional designers and architects. Lush landscaping and an improved entryway will help create an enhanced sense of arrival and a preview of the special hospitality offered at Coral Beach Club.

"The townhouses on the marina offer an endless parade of beautiful sailing vessels and power boats, as well as breathtaking views of nighttime lights on Oyster Pond and the surrounding hillside communities, while the oceanfront units have a spectacular view of lovely Dawn Beach and the crashing ocean beyond."

Dolente added that guests can enjoy complete seclusion and impressive accommodations with complete privacy behind the resorts gates. He also said they intend to establish a premier vacation ownership program at the property to sell ownership interests to those families who want to enjoy the most luxurious and comfortable vacation experience. As in the past, special attention will be given to guests and owners to maintain Coral Beach Club's track record of meeting the highest standards of satisfaction...

"A special program of financing for qualified individuals and trade-ins of Oyster Bay vacation intervals will make the program very attractive," said Dolente.

SXM Weekly News asked Ricardo Perez whether the owners hoped to acquire the remaining units at CBC. "At this point we are concentrating on running the operation and planning for the upgrades to the units that we just acquired. Depending on the success of the acquisition we may be looking at acquiring other units from existing owners -- but not at this moment," he said.

We asked Ricardo what the key benefits of this acquisition would be to unit owners. "I believe all existing owners will benefit from the following: a) better, more professional management of the HOA; b) immediate improvements to the looks of the grounds; c) increased PR/Marketing visibility which [will] increase their own rental income and ultimately their property values.

In answer to our question of whether the acquisition would have any impact on timeshare owner Annual Maintenance Fees, Ricardo said that no change is expected.

7. Villa Onyi To Expand Its Very Low Cost Rentals for JMB Members Exclusively

Villa Onyi at Point Blanche is exquisite inside and out, and has been featured multiple times on HGTV.

Now, JMB Website Supporters members exclusively get a very low price rental on this amazing property:

Rent Villa Onyi for USD\$3000.00 for a full four weeks or USD\$1500.00 for two weeks for the month March 2017... with expansion coming soon for future months. Includes housekeeping service once a week (on Wednesdays) with basic cleaning, all utilities, cable TV, internet inclusive. [Special low JMB member-only rates for months through October are coming soon: feel free to inquire now.](#) *Your valid JMB Website Supporters Membership Number and expiration date are required.*

Contact management via email at onyinyechi.llc@gmail.com. See their site at <https://www.facebook.com/VillaOnyi/>.

Tell them you heard about it through SXM Weekly News. Prices are for JMB members only; others pay more, so join JMB by clicking the page curl at www.everythingsxm.com.

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8. Reminder: A New Reason to Attend Simpson Bay Resort's Owner Orientations

Simpson Bay timeshare owners ought to sit in on the orientations at that timeshare resort. Not only is the pastry delicious, but a surprise mystery guest will be there and you might want to hear what he has to say. He may have something for you....

SECTION 3: Member

9. "Section Three" -- Member Discounts / Benefits News & Updates

This section of *SXM Weekly News*, which appears weekly, will provide detailed information about current JMB Website Supporters discounts and benefits both for current members and for people thinking about joining JMB.

We now offer about 300 discounts (including those now being rolled out). We think you'll find many surprises here that will be of great interest and value. Please see below for this month's story.

10. February Member Benefits Update: Shopping in SXM

"Shopping" is one of the biggest sections of our JMB Website Supporters Discount Program's "Secret" members-only website. Discounts are offered for jewelry, cigars, spirits, clothing, all kinds of souvenirs and gifts, and far more. We also have discounts on many day sails, hundreds of activities (water & land), restaurants, and tons more.

JMB Website Supporters currently offers JMB members nearly 300 discounts and other benefits across the island and beyond. See the beginning of the next section to join and to [save on virtually everything you do in SXM](#).

For details on all the above, see the Discounts Master Index in the Secret Site. (Members only; username & password required).

Still not a member? See next article -- it's time you start saving.

11. "Everything St. Maarten" Bracelets for JMB Members Only Now Available at DK Gems

The bracelets are for JMB Website Supporters members only and are offered at a discount. We published pictures of them on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). Multiple finishes -- gold, silver, etc. - are offered. Current, valid JMB membership card required as is a government-issued photo ID. Contact Jeff at DK Gems, <https://www.facebook.com/dkgemsinternational>. Phone and online orders can be accepted if you send valid ID info.

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Time,
EST one hour earlier

13. Drawing Dates / Grand Prize Packages Announced for our 14-Vacation
Giveaway

We'll draw all 14 vacations we're giving away in "Five Million Smiles" during March.

Our Naturist Club Fantastico vacation will be given away on Wednesday, March 15. See story 14 to be eligible for that giveaway, which will take place between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. AST on Wednesday, March 15.

In addition to giving away the Club Fantastico vacation on March 15, the following week, on March 22, we'll give away all our other prizes which consist of extraordinary villa vacations and a slew of other prizes.

All of them will be drawn / given away between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. AST on Wednesday, March 22. The drawings will be live on the air at Island92.com and at 91.9 FM. We apologize to west coast US listeners since this is very early, but it takes a lot of time to give away 14 vacations.

You MUST answer your phone to win; if you don't, we hang up and give the prize to someone else and you will not be called back.

If you have not yet entered, see story #33 and click the entry link in that article.

Here are the two Grand Prize Packages, in no special order:

Grand Prize Package One:

Eight days and seven nights at Belle Vue, an incredible villa overlooking Orient Bay on the French Side that will accommodate up to eight people (bring your family / best friends -- or not). We're grateful to the owner and to IREvacations.com (and SXM's top real estate agent Arun Jagtiani) for supplying this incredible vacation.

A Helicopter ride for the grand prize winner (from Corail Helicopters, Grand Case Airport)

Oro Diamante One \$100 Gift Card good toward any purchase

From Tijon Parfumerie in Grand Case, a bottle of Ti Amour, their new gold perfume collection with 23K gold inside, which normally sells for 129 Euro per bottle.

Full-day cruise for two to Tintamarre aboard the 62' Celine Too Motoryacht

Cruise for two on the legendary Celine Too Pub Crawl

One Case of Heineken Beer, donated by International Liquor & Tobacco

Tour of the Etna Ice Cream Factory -- and a few pints to take with you

Tour of Toppers' Rhum Distillery (including free samples, if you're old enough)

A painting by renowned SXM artist Patty Meotti which has been posted in our Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site.

A \$100 Gift Card good toward any purchase at Le Grand Marche

Dinner for two at the exquisite new Mario Bistro in Cupecoy;

Dinner for two at Spiga Restaurant in Grand Case;

Dinner for two at SkipJack's restaurant, Simpson Bay (limit, \$90)

Dinner for two at Daniel's By The Sea on Dawn Beach;

Dinner for two at Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Dinner for two at Sushiiito Restaurant

Dinner for two at Trattoria Pizza Pasta

Dinner for two at The Boathouse;

Lunch for two at Patrick Turner's Tropical Wave on Le Galion Beach

Grand Prize Package Two:

Eight days and seven nights at Villa Onyi at Point Blanche. Featured on HGTV, this is one of the island's most breathtaking villas, inside and out.

Oro Diamante One \$100 Gift Card good toward any purchase

Full-day cruise for two to Tintamarre aboard the 62' Celine Too Motoryacht

Cruise for two on the legendary Celine Too Pub Crawl

One Case of Heineken Beer, donated by International Liquor & Tobacco

Tour of the Etna Ice Cream Factory -- and a few pints to take with you

Tour of Toppers' Rhum Distillery (including free samples, if you're old enough)

A \$50 Gift Card for Aaron Meit's / No Rest Agencies' Julio's Smoke & Booze, a leading wholesaler of snacks and island souvenirs located in the Dutch Side Industrial Park, Simpson Bay

Dinner for two at award-winning Chef Dino Jagtiani's Temptation Restaurant;

Dinner for two at Big Fish Restaurant, Oyster Pond

Dinner for two at iZi Ristorante Italiano, Simpson Bay.

Dinner for two at Infinity Restaurant at Oyster Bay Beach Resort;

Sunday Brunch for Two at Oyster Bay Breach Resort

Breakfast Buffet Any Day for two at Toppers Restaurant in Simpson Bay

\$50 Gift Certificate for Avantika Restaurant;

Dinner for two at Toppers Restaurant;

Dinner for two at Vesna Taverna in Simpson Bay

Dinner for two at Lal's Curry In a Hurry Indian Restaurant;

Dinner for two at Cheri's Cafe (limit \$50).

14. Want to Win a Naturist Vacation at Club Fantastico? Enter Our "Au Naturel" Drawing

We want to be sure when we give away our Club Fantastico naturist vacation, it goes to someone who enjoys the naturist lifestyle. So here's a special opportunity to enter and be picked.

See story #33 and click the entry link in that article. When you enter your last name, enter it as your name followed by NATURIST. We will search for "NATURIST" when picking winners at random. If you have already entered the maximum number of times (10 times per subscribed email address for SXM Weekly News subscribers only), you can now enter again five more times using NATURIST after your last name.

See story #13.

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15. How We'll Pick Our "Five Million Smiles" Vacation Winners & Grand Prize Winners

When our Giveaway ends on March 12, we'll pick 90 names at random from among all entries. Those names will be

used to select all winners (see the Naturist selection process; story is above).

We'll call for a Naturist winner on March 15. We'll call all the others on March 22 (see story above). After all regular winners have been picked (12 vacations), we'll then draw the two Grand Prize winners from everyone who's left.

Again, you must answer your phone in order to win. No answer, no win.

16. News: More Benefits at Same Cost With SkyMed Ultimate Upgrades

Annual SkyMed members (and non-members), take note: you can now upgrade to the SkyMed Ultimate and get more benefits and global coverage at no increase in yearly cost over your current annual SkyMed membership.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

And you'll find Frequently Asked Questions here:

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2015SkyMedFAQ.pdf>

You must upgrade to a prepaid five-year Ultimate now, before April 1, and opt for automatic renewals to be guaranteed the current price (\$499/year when prepaid at inception for the five-year term). The 5-year Ultimate increases in price in April but that price increase will not apply to you if you buy before April 1 and agree to automatic renewals.

Contact jeff@getskymed.com and include your phone number to get all the advantages of SkyMed Ultimate memberships now at this highly advantageous pricing.

17. Heineken Regatta Coming To Town With Big Crowds -- And a UB40 Concert

This year's Heineken Regatta -- the year's busiest week on the island -- promises to be the biggest ever, with more sailing races and more partying every night.

The UB40 concert here is the biggest extravaganza of them all, with other acts in a night of music and UB40 expected to take the stage on Kim Sha beach around midnight. Concerts are free but there is a \$20 cover charge per person for UB 40 -- no reserved seating.

See much more as the Regatta begins on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). See their site at www.heinekenregatta.com.

18. Concert Coming to Happy Bay; Naturists Going Elsewhere

The only official nude beach on the French Side is in front of naturist Club Orient at Orient Beach's southern end. Happy Bay is used by naturists but is not a legal naturist beach.

A concert is coming to Happy Bay and preparations are underway, so consequently naturists are being asked to put their bottoms on; topless is ok on all French beaches.

Here's more [on the concert](#).

19. Take Dutch Side Development "Promises" With a Grain of Salt

We usually tell you about various SXM development projects when the government sponsors hoopla and congratulates itself on the good news.

But as a careful tour of the island readily reveals, there are relics of projects gone belly up -- or that were never started -- from one end of the Dutch Side to the other.

Groundbreaking is irrelevant: ceremonial but irrelevant. Only when buildings are completed, occupied, and operating as advertised should they be considered real.

There are lots of announced projects on the Dutch Side including behemoth hotels, apartment high-rises, and lots more. We'll keep you posted when concrete work begins to replace promises of concrete. As history shows, the difference is huge...

One example: some government officials are asking is happening on the "Pearl of China" 776-room monolith on Bel Air Beach that's supposed to start construction next month (i.e., two days away). Nothing has happened, not even clearing the dirt access road.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

20. How Caribbean Johnnycakes Are Made

Here's [the story](#).

21. Sailing Yacht "A," World's Largest, Seized at Gibraltar

That other Russian billionaire, Andrey Melnichenko, has visited SXM many times with his 737 airplane (MY-BBJ) with a big A on the side and his white megayacht, which looks like a big submarine. But he has built the world's largest sailing yacht, Sailing Yacht A, which was seized last week by authorities on behalf of the manufacturer to whom Melnichenko owes roughly \$15-million, chump change for billionaires. We'd imagine it will be paid quickly and the Sailing Yacht A could still be here off SXM -- possibly in March. It would be quite something to see.

Since this story was written late last week, the yacht has been released: <http://tinyurl.com/gqnhsb>

22. Canoa Owner Sherman Marten's "Rum & Peas" a Huge Simpson Bay Hit

Serving flavorful local food in an upbeat, friendly atmosphere from among colorful shipping containers in the heart of Simpson Bay, the new Rum & Peas restaurant is a spectacular success for chef/owner Sherman Marten. Sherman also owns the fine dining restaurant Canoa in Oyster Pond, opposite Mr. Busby's Beach Bar on Dawn Beach. Canoa has received our Everything SXMN Award of Excellence for many years. Try both on your next visit...

23. Bravo's Below Deck "Valor" Megayacht Docks in Marigot

We've found that the spot where Capt. Lee is docking the Valor megayacht is actually at the Ft. Louis yacht club in Marigot. It won't necessarily be there when you go, of course, since active filming is underway all around SXM through much of March.

24. Rare Event: French Side Suffers Brief Blackout

Blackouts on the Dutch Side are common -- but on the French Side, they're rare and usually brief. One such outage

occurred last week and was greeted with lots of surprise. Some folks who were headed for dinner diverted to the Dutch Side, resulting in serious lost revenue especially in Grand Case. The blackout lasted a few hours.

25. Restaurant of the Week: Toppers

The "Cheers" bar is to Boston what "Toppers" is to SXM: a place where everybody knows your name, where the food is delicious and reasonable, and where you can truly relax at the bar, doing karaoke, or even enjoying some dancing.

We've watched football at the bar, enjoyed burgers or lobster or hummus in the restaurant, been there for their Thanksgiving Feast, and the place is always busy and very friendly. Toppers is a multiyear winner of our Everything SXM Award of Excellence. And now Topper and Melanie have a rum factory nearby that you can tour. Melanie's incredible rum cake is served at the restaurant and you can buy some to take with you.

Go. You'll love it...

The article we published about SXM's Top Seafood Restaurants is now on its own page on our website — see a complete list of [top seafood restaurants here](#).

The article we published about SXM's Top Italian Restaurants is now on its own page on our website -- see SXM's [top Italian restaurants here](#).

And we are now updating our SXM dining page bigtime on www.everythingsxm.com -- check it this coming week.

Sill not a JMB member? You're spending way too much for practically everything you buy in SXM. Get hundreds of discounts and other benefits: see www.everythingsxm.com.

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 1/16/17)
IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 11/28/16)
Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 12/5/16)
Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)
Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 3/22/16)
Mario Bistro 9/5/16
SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/19/16)
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)
Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 12/5/16)
La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/30/17; added 1/17)
Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16)
Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 11/21/16)
The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16
The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16)
Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 9/2/14)
Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17)
Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15)
Temptation, <http://www.temptation-sxm.com/> (featured 10/10/16)
Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 5/9/16)
Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 1/23/17)
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 7/25/16)
Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 9/19/16)
Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16)
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, Maho complex at Le Terasse
St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge
Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 4/13/15)
Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 1/9/17)
Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17)
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 2/13/17)

26. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: Story #14

Over the years, St. Maarten/St. Martin has been home to many restaurants of varying descriptions. This series briefly describes a number of restaurants from both sides of the island that have passed into history but have not left our memory.

Here is this week's story:

La Calanque was on the Marigot waterfront many years ago, when there was pretty much nothing in front of "Boulevard de France" except the harbor. It was close to the corner of Rue de La Republique, where renowned plein air impressionist painter Sir Roland Richardson has his gallery/museum (go...). La Vie en Rose we believe is now where La Calanque was, on the first floor. The dishes we had there have faded over the decades since, but we were there in January talking with folks from Buffalo as we all enjoyed great food in a beautiful, understated ambiance. When we returned a year later it was gone....

Check next week for another article about another former SXM restaurant.

Featured so far in this series (D=Dutch F= French):

- 1- West Indian Tavern D
- 2- Sam's Place D
- 3- Turtle Pier D
- 4- Scavenger's D
- 5- Surf Club South F
- 6- Laguna D
- 7- Le Perroquet D
- 8- Ric's Place D
- 9- La Raviolina F
- 10 - Da Livio D
- 11 - La Gondola D
- 12 - L'Alabama F
- 13 - Andy & Cheryl's F
- 14 - La Calanque F

Next week: La Diva F

Coming soon: Antoine D, Sambuca D, Peg Leg Pub D

See also the story of Tutta Pasta's closing in this issue.

Got suggestions? Email them to susan@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Look Back." *Include as many details as you can; you may well be the source of a future column here.*

27. Thinking of Buying a Short-Term SkyMed Membership? Advantages, Disadvantages

Short term SkyMed Medical Evacuation memberships are cheap, only \$15/day per couple (including minor children) or \$9/day for an individual. Pre-existing conditions are covered immediately for those who qualify.

But the bad news is that once your short-term membership ends, it's over, and you must medically requalify to get coverage for any subsequent trip. *Your health can change instantly so letting a membership disappear like that isn't the best thing to do for yourself.*

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SkyMed never increases the pricing on its memberships related to your advancing age or declining health. *Once you sign up for SkyMed, you're a member for life as long as you pay your renewals on time. And SkyMed never cancels anyone because of advancing age or declining health.*

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product on the market. --Jeff

More stories follow.

28. 30-Day Free Look When You Buy SkyMed Medevac Protection

As a consumer you're well protected since SkyMed offers you a 30 day free look. See www.getskymed.com.

What's the upper age limit to join SkyMed? There isn't any: apply today regardless of age.

What's the upper age limit to renew your existing SkyMed membership? *There isn't any.* Just pay your SkyMed renewal on time and your membership will continue regardless of your health or age at the time of your renewal. There is no membership cutoff for advancing age or declining health, unlike so-called competitive programs. *And the price of your renewal membership will not increase due to declining health or advancing age.*

SkyMed Takes You Home® -- what else matters?

29. Q & A about SkyMed Medical Evacuation

Updated 1/23/17

What SkyMed Does: SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. SkyMed is your free ticket home aboard an ICU-equivalent emergency medical evacuation jet with an ICU-certified medical attendant on board to help make sure everything goes as it should.

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Anything can happen — but you can trust SkyMed to take you home when you need it most.

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Why Buy Now? We're offering SkyMed now at very special pricing *for JMB Website Supporters members only — but if you're a nonmember and care to join SkyMed now through us*, we'll enroll you in JMB Website Supporters at the same time. This offer is available only by phone; call Jeff directly at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed questions only) and he will be happy to answer your questions, tell you about the different types of programs available, and their respective costs. He'll also be happy to fill out your application for an annual or multiyear SkyMed membership by phone and at the same time you can set up a JMB Website Supporters membership (required to get the biggest multiyear SKYMED discounts).

See www.getskymed.com or phone Jeff any weekday at 508-747-8281 or email him at jeff@getskymed.com (use the subject "SkyMed inquiry") to learn more and get your questions answered.

Types of SkyMed Memberships:

First, short term memberships are for brief trips in North America, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Mexico -- over 30 countries total. Short-term memberships are very inexpensive, about \$9 per day per person, maximum of about \$15 per day. The disadvantage is that they only cover you for the short term you are traveling: when they expire, your protection disappears. When you're ready to travel again, you must reapply for a new short-term membership. Although the process is quick, **you still must be medically approved** and at some point, that

may well be impossible (**see story 19**). Bear in mind that many of us travel more than once or twice a year, even if it's only a few hundred miles from home to visit friends or relatives, which is why we recommend annual or multiyear SkyMed memberships instead of short-term memberships. You do not want your protection to end just when you may need it most.

Second, both annual and multiyear SkyMed memberships are essentially permanent coverage. Once you've been approved and as long as you continue to pay your membership fee on time, **your membership cannot be discontinued as a result of advancing age or declining health** — two critically important advantages that ensure you have coverage when you may need it most.

Third, Ultimate memberships cover multiple years and provide protection worldwide. The only exceptions are places like Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, North Korea — places you won't visit anyway. (Ask before going anywhere dangerous/unusual.) Ultimate memberships also offer the greatest breadth of coverage. You can see a complete list of all the features and benefits of these coverages [here](#).

Fourth, if you're an American or Canadian ex-pat living in St. Maarten / St. Martin or elsewhere outside your country for six months or more per year, you can still get SKYMED protection in the form of an **ex-pat** membership. Email us (see next paragraph) and we can tell you how it works and answer your questions.

In addition to everything else, Jeff Berger has been a SkyMed rep for over 15 years. He'll be happy to answer questions; phone him weekdays at 508-747-8281 or email him at Jeff@GetSkyMed.com. He generally returns calls and messages within 24 hours. To see [online frequently asked questions, go here](#). You can also see his SkyMed site at www.GetSkyMed.com.

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More stories are below.

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):

[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

30. How Quickly Can You Get SkyMed?

Allow 72 hours (three business days) for your membership to be processed. If a doctor's statement is required regarding your health condition, that may take several days depending entirely on how fast your doctor responds to SkyMed's request. Learn more or sign up at www.getskymed.com. You can also email jeff@getskymed.com -- include your phone and we'll be happy to call you back.

31. Download The Complete List of All SkyMed Features & Benefits

Read it for yourself: it beats every would-be competitor hands-down. Look:

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

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32. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look here for our PDF archives: http://everythingxm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml. All issues for the past few years are now online.

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33. Five Million Smiles 14-Vacation Giveaway Entry Deadline: Sunday March 12

Our Five Million Smiles 14-vacation giveaway celebrates our site surpassing five million visits in the next several weeks. The site: www.everythingsxm.com. **Deadline for entries, March 12. See other articles in this issue about the drawing date.**

Both of our two Grand Prizes are weeks at two of the island's most fabulous villas — the names of both of them are below. *All vacations are subject to availability, seasonal limitations, and island taxes / fees at the discretion of the resort owners.* Here are all our prizes:

- Grand Prize: Eight days and seven nights at [Belle Vue](#), an incredible villa overlooking Orient Bay on the French Side that will accommodate up to eight people (bring your family / best friends -- or not). We're grateful to the owner and to [IREvacations.com](#) (and SXM's top real estate agent Arun Jagtiani) for supplying this incredible vacation.
- Grand Prize: Eight days and seven nights at [Villa Onyi](#) at Point Blanche. Featured on HGTV this is one of the island's most breathtaking villas, inside and out.
- Eight days and seven nights in the [Guest House at Colony Manor Goldendaze](#), brand new and gorgeous on quiet Simpson Bay Beach.
- Eight days and seven nights at the beautiful [Villa Son Risa](#) in Pelican Key (Cleaning charge applies; avail. May-Sept. 2017.)
- Eight days and seven nights at [Mercure Beach Hotel and Marina](#), Simpson Bay Lagoon, French Side (new)

- Eight days and seven nights at [Holland House Beach Hotel](#), Philipsburg, on Great Bay Beach (new)
- Eight days and seven nights in a garden studio (from 4/15/17 to 12/15/17) at [Mary's Boon Beach Resort](#)
- Eight days and seven nights at [El Zafiro](#) beachside resort on Simpson Bay Beach (new)
- Eight days and seven nights at [La Vista Resort or La Vista Beach](#);
- Eight days and seven nights at [Baker's Suites](#) in Simpson Bay, near Kim Sha Beach
- Eight days and seven nights in a brand-new two bedroom suite at [Simpson Bay Resort](#);
- Eight days and seven nights at [The Summit Resort](#);
- Four days, three nights, plus open bar and breakfast at naturist [Club Fantastico](#)
- Four days, three nights in boutique hotel style suites in the main building at [Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#).
- A one-week car rental from Leisure Car Rental, one of our car rental partners (Grand Prize)
- A one-week car rental from Tropicana Car Rental, our first car rental partner (Grand Prize)

There are also many other prizes including:

- A Helicopter ride for the grand prize winner (from Corail Helicopters, Grand Case Airport)
- Jewelry prizes:
 - Caribbean Gems (to come)
 - [Oro Diamante](#) Two \$100 Gift Cards good toward any purchase, one for each Grand Prize Winner
 - Little Europe Jewelers (to come)
 - Zhaveri Jewelers (to come)
- From Tijon Parfumerie in Grand Case, a bottle of Ti Amour, their new gold perfume collection with 23K gold inside, which normally sells for 129 € per bottle.
- Full-day cruise for two to Tintamarre aboard the 62' Celine Too Motoryacht
- Cruise for two on the legendary Celine Too Pub Crawl
- Two Cases of Heineken Beer, one for each Grand Prize winner, donated by International Liquor & Tobacco
- Tour of the Etna Ice Cream Factory -- and a few pints to take with you
- Tour of Toppers' Rhum Distillery (including free samples, if you're old enough)
- A painting by renowned SXM artist Patty Meotti which has been posted in our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). More on Patty is [here](#).
- A \$100 Gift Card good toward any purchase at Le Grand Marche
- A \$50 Gift Card for Aaron Meit's / No Rest Agencies' Julio's Smoke & Booze, a leading wholesaler of snacks and island souvenirs located in the Dutch Side Industrial Park, Simpson Bay
- We'll detail these soon.

Many dinners for two are also offered for the Grand Prize winners, including this heavily updated group:

- Dinner for two at award-winning Chef Dino Jagtiani's [Temptation Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at the exquisite new [Mario Bistro](#) in Cupecoy;
- Dinner for two at [Spiga Restaurant in Grand Case](#);
- Dinner for two at [Big Fish Restaurant](#), Oyster Pond
- Dinner for two at [SkipJack's restaurant](#), Simpson Bay (limit, \$90)
- Dinner for two at [Daniel's By The Sea](#) on Dawn Beach;
- Dinner for two at [iZi Ristorante Italiano](#), Simpson Bay.
- Dinner for two at [Infinity Restaurant at Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#);
- Sunday Brunch for Two at [Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#)
- Breakfast Buffet Any Day for two at [Toppers Restaurant](#) in Simpson Bay
- \$50 Gift Certificate for [Avantika Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at [Toppers Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at [Pineapple Pete Restaurant](#)
- Dinner for two at [Sushiitto Restaurant](#)
- Dinner for two at [Trattoria Pizza Pasta](#)
- Dinner for two at [Vesna Taverna](#) in Simpson Bay
- Dinner for two at [Lal's Curry In a Hurry Indian Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at [Cheri's Cafe](#) (limit \$50);
- Dinner for two at [The Boathouse](#);
- Lunch for two at Patrick Turner's [Tropical Wave](#) on Le Galion Beach;
- All Dinners are subject to reasonable limitations.

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34. "The Periscope": Articles We're Working on for our Next Issue

The Periscope gives you a glimpse of major stories we're working on for our next issue. The feature will appear when appropriate (not every week).

Here's some of what's coming:

[What's happening with the "Pearl of China" 776-room hotel/apt building on Bel Air Beach, due to start this month?](#)

[Lee's Restaurant takes another shot. Will they still have to close on March 31?](#)

Look for **Periscope** here next week.

35. After Many Years in Business, Tutta Pasta Closes

For years, restaurateur Steadman Warren -- just called "Warren" by thousands of restaurant regulars -- ran Tutta Pasta on the second floor of the Yacht Club, sometimes with his son Leon. The restaurant served consistently delicious fare though its pasta was Barilla, out of the box. In recent years Tutta Pasta has faced enormous competition from dozens of other Italian restaurants, many of them in its own neighborhood -- and many of them making their own fresh pasta. We remember Warren a number of years ago raising Tilapia in an aquarium inside the restaurant. Tutta Pasta closed last fall -- we just heard. We wish Warren and Leon and their staff well.

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