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RENTAL 12/23/2017 1/6/2018 51 & 52 Royal Islander Club La Plage 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom sleeps 4 maximum. Beach front property with gorgeous view of large swimming pool & world famous Maho Beach. Located in the Maho complex with numerous quality restaurants, food store, night clubs, casino & retail stores within 5 minutes walking distance. Rental car not necessary as local bus makes frequent stops in front of complex. Govt. \$50 per week occupancy tax must be paid when checking out. \$1,400 per week Ed -- 781-953-6799 edmisiph@comcast.net

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

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1. Forecasters Change Hurricane Season Predictions: The Complete Story

Rob Lightbown of Crown Weather, our go-to source of tropical weather information, has updated his prediction for the hurricane season that begins June 1 and ends November 30. With permission, we're reprinting his updated forecast below.

We urge any readers who may potentially be in the path of storms during the coming season to subscribe to Crown Weather's service — it is extremely inexpensive and we believe it's the most authoritative out there. Here goes:

There is the possibility that the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season could be more active than what was previously thought. The latest data from the Canadian, NMME and European models are trending towards either an average or above average season in terms of the number of storms and hurricanes. These trends by the models will have to be watched carefully, but more importantly we will be monitoring current data to see if it matches the model data.

Let's start with the Tropical Atlantic between the Lesser Antilles and the coast of Africa – The amount of unstable air (which helps to foster the development of tropical disturbances) is higher than it has been in previous years, however, it is currently mostly below average. In addition, the amount of shear is currently near average or a little above average.

Turning to the Caribbean – The amount of unstable air is above average and the amount of shear is above average.

It should be noted that the area above 30 North Latitude is not as favorable as they have been in previous years and this could be a signal that *the deep tropics could be more active than it has been in previous years*. In addition, the eastern Atlantic is quite warm as compared to normal and this supports the potential for a more active hurricane season in the tropics than what was previously thought.

Let's Take A Look At The Very Long Range Model Guidance – The latest NMME model guidance has trended towards the CFS model of a weaker El Nino and warmer ocean temperatures across the deep tropical Atlantic. More importantly is that the European model has trended much stronger towards a busier hurricane season. Previously, the European model was forecasting higher than average barometric pressures and below average rainfall which would have meant a below average hurricane season. Now, the European model is forecasting near average barometric pressures and near average rainfall as well as an average hurricane season in terms of numbers.

In addition, the latest European model guidance is forecasting a weak to perhaps a moderate El Nino and warm ocean water temperatures across the Atlantic Basin....

Here Are My Thoughts: It seems as if there are more and more signs that are pointing towards more favorable environmental conditions for the development of tropical storms and hurricanes this season. I think that ENSO will not be as big of a factor in impeding development this year.

At this point, I'm leaving the forecast of 12 named storms, 6 of those storms becoming hurricanes and 2 of those hurricanes becoming major hurricanes the same.

One thing that I am changing is the forecast risk areas:

The Northeast and Eastern Gulf Coast is an area of concern for a tropical storm or hurricane landfall. The latest European model is pointing towards the possibility of tropical systems moving into the eastern Gulf of Mexico from the Bahamas or the northwestern Caribbean. This threat area includes the Alabama coast, the Florida Panhandle and the west coast of Florida.

Another area of risk from a tropical storm or hurricane landfall is along the US East Coast, especially from eastern Florida to the New Jersey coast. The above average rainfall signal from the European model may mean the potential for a tropical cyclone tracking northward and impacting the US East Coast this year. In addition, the area of high pressure near Bermuda is forecast to be weaker than average. If this ends up being true, it could open up the entire US East Coast to being affected by a tropical storm or hurricane. In addition, this also opens up the eastern Gulf of Mexico to a tropical storm or hurricane impact.

The Central & Eastern Atlantic from the Lesser Antilles to the coast of Africa could end up being more active than it has been in past years. *The ocean water temperatures are now above average and it appears that wind shear could be near or below average leading to more active conditions than what was previously thought. My thinking is that the central and northern Lesser Antilles, Puerto Rico and Hispaniola may be an area to really watch for tropical storm/hurricane threats.*

Looking towards the Caribbean, it appears that the entire Caribbean could be more active this year than what has occurred over the last few years. The forecast trends from the European model are for more deep tropics activity which could impact the Caribbean. The Bahamas are another area that has an increased threat this year from either a very close brush or a direct impact from a tropical storm or hurricane.

All-in-all, I think that we could see more tropical cyclone activity in the deep tropics this year with 3 areas of particular concern – 1. the central and northern Lesser Antilles, Puerto Rico and Hispaniola; 2. The northeastern and eastern US Gulf Coast, including the Alabama coast, the Florida Panhandle and the west coast of Florida and 3. The US East Coast from eastern Florida to the New Jersey coast.

2 . Southwest Air Flights from FLL May Start in 2018; Further Talks Scheduled in Oct.

As we've mentioned for roughly a year, service by Southwest Airlines to SXM is now much more a matter of when, not if.

As we previously reported, talks have been underway between SXM officials and the airline about steps that are necessary before service can begin. Those talks are scheduled to resume in October. Assuming everything goes as expected, Southwest air should begin to serve St. Maarten from Fort Lauderdale starting sometime next year. As we have also mentioned, we expect the airline to increase service over time, adding flights from its hub at BWI at some point. Initial flights, conceivably, could depart from BWI and go to SXM with an intermediate stop at Lauderdale, though we don't think that's likely.

As always, we'll keep you posted. See other articles in this issue about airlift to SXM, which continues to expand.

3. Daily SJU-SXM Round trips Coming by Seaborne Airlines -- With AA & JB Codesharing

Years ago, American airlines affiliate American Eagle provided frequent flights from San Juan (SJU) to numerous Caribbean locations including SXM. It abandoned that during the Great Recession.

Now, Seaborne Airlines, a commuter carrier based in San Juan, is picking up the San Juan – SXM route using 36 passenger Saab 340 aircraft, some of which it got from American Eagle; the service will be daily.

The airline has a code share agreement with American Airlines, JetBlue, and we believe others, which would enable passengers on those airlines to purchase through tickets directly from AA or JB to SXM via SJU. This may help facilitate flights from cities without SXM nonstops or direct flights since San Juan is a busy airport served by more US cities than SXM.

4. Winair Starts MD80 Service Curacao - St. Maarten - Haiti

Your familiarity with Winair probably regards its small 15-passenger twin otter aircraft that fly from SXM airport regularly. Now, the airline is starting a new route with MD 80 jet aircraft: Curaçao to SXM to Haiti. The flights will make it much easier for people to get from SXM to either Curaçao or Haiti. The recent financial implosion of Insel Air created a vacuum for interisland transportation which these flights may fill.

We flew Winair from SXM to Nevis. The flight was smooth and professional. It's a great little airline and we urge you to seriously consider them for any interisland travel.

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

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com.

6. 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.

7. 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.***

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

8. SXM's Best Timeshare Resorts (Just Updated; Reminder)

We very recently updated this page on our main SXM site, everythingxsm.com; take a close look at [SXM's Best Timeshare Resorts](#). There's a comment there on how to get low fares when you go, too. See next story.

9. Everything About SXM Timeshare Condo Rentals & T/S In General

By far the largest page on our main SXM website, www.everythingSXM.com, is our timeshare rental page. Unlike other Caribbean islands, most of the people who visit SXM stay in timeshare condos which they either own or rent from others. Our page lets you rent directly from timeshare owners, where there's no middleman, no fees, and no commissions to inflate your bottom line price.

Our timeshare rental/sale and villa rental page lists hundreds of weeks in all seasons — and all weeks are from our JMB Website Supporters members.

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10. Go To Simpson Bay Resort's Owner Orientations

Simpson Bay timeshare owners should sit in on the orientations there. Not only is the pastry delicious, but a surprise mystery guest will be there (in person or by video) and you might want to hear what he has to say. He may just have something for you....

SECTION 3: Member

11. "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.

12. May Member Benefits Update: Discounts on Shopping

Shopping for souvenirs, T-shirts, knickknacks, spirits, cigars, gifts, and of course jewelry is just about always on the priority list for tourists visiting St. Maarten / St. Martin. Our public site, www.everythingsxm.com, provides an interesting overview of shopping opportunities across the island.

Our secret website, www.everythingsxm.com/secret, available to JMB Website Supporters members exclusively, among its 300 or so total discounts offers dozens of discounts for all kinds of shopping on both sides of the island. Regardless of what you're looking for, *Shopping* is one of the most popular sections of our entire secret website and it can save you a significant amount of money as you complete your shopping excursions. If you're currently a JMB member, definitely check out the listings in our Discounts Master Index on the Secret Site. If you're not a member, join now; new one-year memberships are only \$59 and again they deliver close to 300 discounts and benefits. Pay much less per year when you get a *multiyear* membership — a full three years costs just \$99 total. Join today and start saving a bunch on your next SXM trip.

13. Huge SkyMed Discounts for JMB Website Supporters Members

JMB offers our readers, JMB Website Supporters members, and everyone else short-term, annual, and multiyear memberships in SkyMed, the company that takes its members home when they become critically ill or injured while traveling — something that happens far more often than you might think.

JMB member discounts apply to all SkyMed multiyear memberships. The five year SkyMed Ultimate membership, for example, which offers the most features and benefits of any SkyMed membership plus global coverage through a SkyMed-owned affiliate called GETS, is available for \$499 per year guaranteed for 10 years. You pay the full cost of the five-year membership at inception and are guaranteed 10 years at the same price when you agree to automatic renewals when signing up. At a time when oil prices may become unpredictable, such a guarantee involving emergency med flight operations is extraordinary — yet you pay only \$2499 total for five full years of family membership at inception. The following will be of great interest:

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>

For more information, see www.getskymed.com or contact Jeff directly at jeff.berger@SkyMed.com. Please include your phone number and time zone.

14. "Everything St. Maarten" Bracelets for JMB Members Only Are 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](#). Phone and online orders can be accepted if you send current, valid JMB membership and ID info. Shipping charge applies.

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See info about JMB membership in the beginning of this section.

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www.island92.com)
Now Every Monday
Somewhere Between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. Island
Time;
(EDT is the same time)
(Monday 5/15/17 Jeff will not be on the air.)

16. Jeff's Birthday / Black Friday & 1/2 Sale:
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JMB Membership Reinstatements: One year, \$34; Five years, \$109.
<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

17. How French Election Results Could Affect Your SXM Vacation

Emmanuel Macron won the French election. Consequently, France will continue to be part of the European Union and will continue to use the Euro.

Pres. Trump said several weeks ago that he felt that the US dollar was too strong. Most likely his comment was from a business perspective, since the strong dollar made American goods expensive to overseas buyers. The dollar has weakened a bit against the Euro since January. You can buy a Euro now for about \$1.10, and some observers expect the dollar to weaken further. This could mean that goods purchased on the French side may be more expensive.

Most tourists shopping on the French side either go to Grand Case or to the Super U Market in Marigot. Super U routinely adjusts its price to stay even with exchange rates, and some restaurants in Grand Case accept dollars at par with Euros. But if the dollar weakens further, the cost of a SXM vacation, if you spend much on the French side, is likely to increase.

[Spiga Restaurant](#) in Grand Case has always treated dollars at par with Euros and it is, in our opinion, the best restaurant of any kind in Grand Case and easily one of SXM's very best.

18. Dutch Side Government Contemplating Tax Increases on Tourists

Nothing has been decided yet, but the Dutch side government, which is still pleading poverty, is looking at increasing two kinds of taxes on tourists.

Everyone should understand that all commercial goods that come into the harbor as freight — including food, are taxed by the Dutch Side government, in part to pay for the Simpson Bay Causeway. The Dutch Side has thought in passing about charging a fee to French side vehicles using the causeway, which would cause French retaliation and damage both sides of the island. We don't think the idea is being taken seriously.

But the Dutch Side government continues to look at increasing the timeshare tax and levying a departure tax. It appears to conveniently forget the fact that airfares to St. Maarten already are out of whack with other islands, making SXM one of the most expensive islands for tourists to visit. A departure fee is already charged by the airport, which uses it in part to fund its operations, paying for things the government won't pay for — like the airport's fire engines.

As we've said repeatedly, the Dutch side government does virtually nothing to promote tourism to the island. It's tourism promotion budget is practically nothing compared to the more than \$20 million spent annually by Aruba. St. Kitts and other islands are spending money to improve their tourism product and promote it but St. Maarten seems to think the solution is to raise taxes and spend the money on something other than tourism. We aren't St. Maarten residents so we have no say in local politics, but all of this strikes us as being antithetical and counterproductive to attracting more tourists and to keeping current tourists happy.

SXM, spend money fixing and improving infrastructure AND heavily promoting tourism. You are in a highly competitive "business." The increase in tourism revenue will generate all the income you need to do whatever else needs to be done. Tourism should be priority one... it fuels the island's economy.

19. On Medical Care in SXM

If you live in or near a large US or Canadian metropolitan area, chances are you're within driving distance of a well respected major hospital — perhaps even a teaching hospital. Although St. Maarten has a medical school (AUC), its level of medical care doesn't remotely rival that of major US cities. In fact, most of the lifelong residents of St. Maarten that we know leave the island for major annual checkups or treatment for significant maladies. We're not going to explore the quality of medical care on SXM any more deeply than this; suffice it to say that if you have a serious medical condition and need top-flight care, you should plan to get it at home.

Please see the next article.

20. What To Do in a Medical Emergency

If you have a medical emergency in SXM, you should contact the front desk of your resort or timeshare and have them contact emergency care officials. If your spouse or partner can drive you to a hospital and the situation doesn't require an ambulance, get directions and go either to the St. Maarten Medical Center or to the French side hospital in Marigot. Usually it's best to go to whichever is closer.

If you need an ambulance, tell the front desk of your resort. The emergency number on the Dutch side's 911, just like in the US, but sometimes it doesn't work — which is why we suggest contacting your front desk. In fact, it's not a bad idea to ask the front desk for the telephone number of both police and fire whenever and wherever you travel, just so you're prepared in an emergency.

If you're a SkyMed member suffering a critical illness or injury, get an ambulance to take you to the hospital quickly. You should call SkyMed only after ER officials at the hospital have had a chance to assess the situation and have started to provide emergency care / admission.

21. Vesna Taverna Dinners Resume This Wednesday; Breakfast, Lunch Served Daily

Vesna and Yannick took a brief trip to Europe and are now heading home, so dinner resumes Wednesday night, May 17.

Breakfast and lunch continue to be served seven days a week, as always. You'll find out much more about Vesna Taverna at www.vesnataverna.com. It's one of our favorite restaurants and it has received numerous Everything SXM Awards of Excellence.

22. Massive 776-Room Pearl of China Condo / Hotel Project Held Up

The massive Pearl of China condo/hotel development, permitted in secret government meetings and announced only after it was supposedly a done deal, has hit a snag.

The problem is the height of the proposed monolith, which is greater than permitted. The politician who was a strong supporter of this project, Richard Gibson, went to Beijing to talk with officials there about it. Talks continue and Gibson seems optimistic about a solution. One of his comments seems to imply that height restrictions may either be negotiable or that some other compromise may be necessary.

We've talked derisively about this project which, in our opinion and in the opinion of many other far more astute observers, is simply a beachhead for Chinese businesses to pursue alliances and develop other projects throughout this hemisphere. Most of its 776 rooms are condos to be occupied by Chinese business people. The hotel does not, as far as we've been able to determine, add anything to the tourist-centric island economy. Even its exhibition space is expected to be used to promote Chinese businesses, *not* sought-after conference or convention meetings involving real tourists who actually contribute to the economy.

Pearl of China would be located at the opposite end of Bel Air beach from the Bel Air beach Resort. Road traffic, government officials say, would use a new entrance that is currently a dirt road in front of the Learning Unlimited school, and it would not interfere with current traffic that goes to Bel Air Beach Resort or Divi Little Bay.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

More: <http://bit.ly/2pz1K8Z>

23. Latest Update on Lee's Roadside Grill

Lee's Roadside Grill in Simpson Bay opposite Royal Palm Resort is still open. The restaurant owner has been fighting an epic battle with his landlord for months. When we phoned the restaurant on Sunday, we were told it's busy and

will stay open as appeals continue.

We wish Lee Godspeed in his fight and we'll keep our nearly 300,000 readers posted.

24. Jewelry Specials Coming for Graduation, Father's Day

We regularly send our nearly 30,000 JMB Website Supporters members special members-only holiday gift offers in advance of significant occasions throughout the year. We did that before Mother's Day and we are now working on gathering offers from our jewelry store partners on the island — including Little Europe jewelers, Zhaveri jewelers, Caribbean Gems, and Oro Diamante. We expect to send these offers to our members soon — watch your email.

25. Our Sum-Sum-Summertime SXM Vacation Giveaway Begins: How To Enter

Our Sum-Sum Summertime SXM vacation giveaway has begun! You can now enter! *SXM Weekly News* readers (NOT pass-along readers) can enter up to 10 times per subscribed email address. The drawing will be late in October. We expect to be giving away about three SXM vacations -- watch for details in future editions of *SXM Weekly News*.

26. A Closer Look at Best Reasons for Taking SXM Summer Vacations: Part 1

Last week, we listed these reasons for taking a Summer vacation in SXM:

1. Much less traffic than during high season (winter).
2. Much lower prices for car rentals and accommodations.
3. No competition for sand space at any island beaches.
4. Uncrowded restaurants mean less waiting and less need for making reservations except on holidays.
5. The ocean is warmer -- well up in the 80s. July is a picture-perfect month: clear skies, low humidity, no sweltering like you'd get staying home (near-constant ocean breezes are a great help). You gotta come, mon...
6. All restaurants are open, so you can go to your favorites night after night after night with no crowds. And everything tastes better in SXM...
7. Plane watching is easier at Maho beach because there are fewer tourists, though cruise ship people are still here. As an experienced stayover tourist, you can point at them when a departing plane blows them into the ocean. (No offense.)
8. Etna Ice Cream melts very slowly no matter how hot it gets. And it's creamier and tastes better than the stuff you get at home.
9. Jewelers may just make the best deals of the year since there are fewer customers around during summer -- leaving you more time to haggle.
10. We'll leave number 10 open for you to fill in after you vacation in SXM this Summer. Stay tuned... we'll be looking for what you feel #10 should be. It might just win you something.

Now we're going to explore two of these in a bit more detail.

First, number 5. Dr. Soc from [Island92 radio](#), who has lived on the island for more than a decade but who hails from Connecticut, says July is his favorite month on the island. He says it is a very dry month with near constant tradewinds and low humidity, especially compared with sweltering hot weather in big US cities across much of the country.

Second, number 2. Prices are much lower in low season. Rental cars are usually about half the price you would pay in winter, and accommodations prices are similarly very low. Because it's low season, accommodations are easy to get and there really aren't any crowds.

If you're thinking about coming to SXM during July 4, do it; you'll find fireworks here, although they won't be quite at the same level you might be accustomed to at home. They're still fireworks, it's still July 4, and there are plenty of burgers and fries for everybody.

Beat the crowds, save some money, and enjoy yourself in SXM this summer. Pass this message along to your

friends -- SXM is perfect for Summer vacations.

We'll talk more about summer vacations in SXM next week; in the meantime, enter our new giveaway now. [Enter here.](#)

27. Get Sargasso Seaweed Updates on Our Site

Nearly 10,000 people are now participating in our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). Many are "on island" at any time, posting pictures of where they're going and what they're doing including beaches. Expect their reports to update you on the status of Sargasso seaweed across SXM.

Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) lets you ask questions and get answers about everything related to SXM, with people looking at the site 24/7. Post your best SXM pictures there, too.

Update: Sargasso seaweed has come back to SXM and the Caribbean in general within the last month or so. At the most popular beaches, it's cleaned up every morning and often through the day. East facing beaches seem to be affected more than others. The southern end of Orient beach, which is clothing optional beyond Pedro's, appears to be mostly shielded from the seaweed by the reef. West facing beaches do not appear to be as affected.

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28. Two Ways to Beat SkyMed's 90-Day Waiting Period to Cover Pre-Existing Conditions

On its annual and longer memberships, SkyMed has a 90-day waiting period for coverage of pre-existing conditions — after that, they're covered in full.

So, if you plan a summer vacation or another later this year, the best way to avoid that waiting period is to buy your annual or longer membership now. That way the waiting period is over when you're traveling.

Annual memberships always cost far less per day than short-term memberships (about \$1.30/day for family annual memberships and \$15.00/day for family short-term).

Annually and multiyear memberships are also guaranteed renewable regardless of your age or health -- a big deal. If you buy a short-term membership, after it's over you must medically requalify to get a new one — and your health can change in a heartbeat.

SkyMed delivers up to 18 benefits: [see them all here](#) (downloadable PDF).

Questions? [Email Jeff](#) and ask away. Include your phone number and time zone, or call him directly at (508)-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only).

29. 10-Year Price Guarantee on New or Upgraded SkyMed 5-Yr Ultimate Memberships:

Buy or upgrade to a new five-year SkyMed Ultimate now and choose to renew automatically, and both transactions will be at the current low prepaid five-year price of \$2495 which is just \$499/year, the same as SkyMed's Annual memberships, but with a lot more benefits. That's a 10-year price guarantee.

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 for 10 full years by using this Ultimate upgrade with automatic renewals. This may expire at any time, so do it soon.

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 the offer ends (could be anytime), and opt for automatic renewals to be guaranteed the current price (\$499/year when prepaid at inception for the five-year term, \$2495).

Contact jeff.berger@skymed.com and include your phone number to get all the advantages of SkyMed Ultimate memberships now at this highly advantageous 10-year guaranteed pricing. See more also at www.getskymed.com.

30. Restaurant of the Week:

There are probably about 25 good reasons that Mr. Busby's Beach Bar is by far the island's most popular beachside spot for breakfast and lunch and for great beach dining all day long.

Will quickly touch on just a few of them.

First, the food is great. Delicious home cooked meals for breakfast and lunch with lots of selections. Plus, Lulu is usually there, with a big smile for everyone. She's the day manager and she knows her stuff. We often order combinations of things that are on the menu and Lulu is usually able to solve our puzzle. Since we've been going a while, sometimes we have no idea what we want and we simply say, "You pick it," and she has -- and we've always been pleased with the results. If you're new to the restaurant, definitely give her some hints of what you like and what you don't like so her selection will make you happy.

Second, the menu is huge. Whether you like burgers or salads or even Philly cheesesteak, not a problem — this is the place. We've had big, delicious salads for lunch there on several occasions, including the outstanding chicken Caesar Salad: delicious and very filling.

Third, there's homemade pizza, too. It's the authentic thin crust variety, see you're not filled up by carbs but instead enjoy a satisfying well-made pizza for lunch, even a late lunch into the afternoon.

Fourth, ambience. Mr. Busby's Beach Bar probably has the single best location on the island. Most tables are in gazebos under towering palm trees. You're caressed by seabreezes off Dawn beach, on which the restaurant is located. You can even rent beach chairs and have Mr. Busby's beach boys bring your lunch to you on the beach. Come for lunch and spend the afternoon relaxing in the warm tropical water (no sharks here). Stay for happy hour. Mr. Busby's is the perfect place to do it.

At night, Mr. Busby's Beach Bar morphs into Daniel's by the Sea Italian fine dining restaurant, where you dine by candlelight. You'll find much more about Daniel's in the Italian restaurants article below. You can even select your own lobster from their live lobster pool right at the entrance to the restaurant.

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

And we recently updated our SXM dining page on www.everythingsxm.com -- check it now, before you go.

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 5/1/17)
IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 3/6/17)
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 4/10/17)
Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 3/13/17
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 3/25/17)
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 5/14/17)
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 the turn near Shore Pointe to get there). (featured 4/17/2017)
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)

31. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: Story #23

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:

Paradise Cafe goes back to the 80's. It was across from Maho and up the hill behind the Casino. They had a large pool and the furnishing were out of a Hemmingway novel. They had parrots there and for a City guy I found them fascinating. They had these high- backed wicker chairs that were so comfortable that one night I feel asleep sitting there. I loved this place I had never been anywhere like that at that stage of my life. I thought how does it get better than this. Well people would just hang out there and quite frequently the big Pina Coladas would get to a woman and she would jump into the pool much to the delight of the gentlemen; some even would jump in not wearing their nice clothes. Holy moly never had I ever seen anything like that in my young life. The owner never rushed you out in fact asked you to just hang out as long as you wanted. The food was fantastic, my favorite was the fettuccine alfredo. They went out of business as many of the restaurants do; could not understand why because everything about it was so good and the setting was dream like. - Submitted by Laurence N. Aiello. [Note: When this

appeared recently on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), Livio Bergamasco, whose *Da Livio* dominated the SXM culinary scene for years, remarked: "Old friend Byron was the owner. He is still here, retired.]"

Readers: We're looking for your suggestions about other restaurants; [see the bottom of this article and let us know so we can feature your ideas and your complete reviews.](#)

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
- 15 - La Diva F
- 16 - Antoine D
- 17 - Sambuca D
- 18 - Peg Leg Pub & Steakhouse D
- 19 - Tutta Pasta D
- 20 - Wendy's (D)
- 21 - Risdon's Drive-In (D?)
- 22 - Dawn Beach Hotel Restaurant (D)
- 23 - Paradise Cafe (Contributed by Laurence Aiello) (D)

Coming soon: Zachary's (D)

Got suggestions for future articles? Email them *with detailed information please* 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.*

32. Should You Get 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.*

Annual and multiyear memberships cost only about \$1.30/day per couple -- way cheaper. They include more benefits -- especially Ultimate memberships. [See all the features and benefits here.](#)

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.*

Do NOT take chances by waiting. GET SKYMED BEFORE YOU NEED IT ...so you'll have it when you DO need it. See www.getskymed.com. *In our opinion, it's the best medical evacuation membership product on the market.* --Jeff

More stories follow.

33. 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.* We know we repeat this... we do it for very good reason.

SkyMed Takes You Home® -- what else matters?

34. Q & A about SkyMed Medical Evacuation

Updated 5/8/17

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.

How SkyMed Works: Like clockwork, you're taken from the hospital by ambulance to a waiting aircraft at SkyMed's expense; SkyMed makes all the arrangements and pays all costs for the medical evacuation jet and for the ambulance at the destination which takes you to a waiting team at your destination hospital, which already has your medical records and is ready to start helping you. There are no co-pays, no reimbursements, and no deductibles for SkyMed services, ever. SkyMed arranges everything and pays for all the services it provides.

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

What's It Cost? *Without* SkyMed, you'll need \$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance to pay for an emergency medical evacuation — if you can make the dozens of calls necessary to set it up in an emergency. SkyMed does all that for you, for a small membership fee; you simply make one phone call 24/7/365 to get things going.

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 (five-year SkyMed memberships only). This offer is available only by phone; email jeff.berger@skymed.com and give Jeff your phone number so he can call you. He'll 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). Americans, Canadians, and ExPats only.

See www.getskymed.com or email Jeff at jeff.berger@skymed.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. 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 -- and now a SkyMed Ambassador -- for over 15 years. He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com. He generally returns messages within 24 hours. To see [online frequently asked questions, go here](#). You can also see his SkyMed site at www.GetSkyMed.com.

JMB members get serious discounts on all multiyear SkyMed memberships. If you're not already a JMB member, join today and take advantage of those discounts.

For more on JMB memberships, see below, Join, renew, or reinstate now.

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

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

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35. 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>

This is an Adobe Acrobat PDF Document. Your system most likely already has a PDF Reader (free) but if not you can get one here: [download Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

36. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

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

More stories are below.

Traveling Anywhere?

Never go anywhere without SkyMed Emergency Medical Evacuation Protection. Visit www.getskymed.com today; email Jeff at jeff@getskymed.com with the Subject "SkyMed".

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

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

Here's some of what's coming:

-- We're continuing to keep an eye on the situation at Lee's Roadside Grill, Patrick Turner's Tropical Wave restaurant, plus the Butterfly Farm and the nearby stable.

-- We're listing all winners of our 2017 Everything SXM Awards of Excellence later this month (May).

Look for **Periscope** here next week.

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JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_xsm/paypal.shtml .

Want to rent or buy a week?

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SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 10/18/15

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