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Timeshare Rental and Sale of the Week

Each week JMB randomly picks timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale in SXM from the huge selection at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml and features them here.

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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 1/9/2016 1/16/2016 Week 2 Royal Islander Club La Plage 1 bdrm. 1 bathroom, sleeps 4 max. Fully equipped kitchen, spacious living room, patio overlooking gorgeous swimming pool & world famous Maho Beach. Resort is located in the middle of numerous quality restaurants, night clubs, casino, & shopping mall! Food market & indoor parking across the street. Rental car not necessary as local bus makes frequent stops in front of the complex. Govt. imposed occupancy tax of \$50 per week must be paid at check out time. \$1,200 Ed 781-953-6799 edmisiph@comcast.net

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

Totally Renovated New Unit Available; Steps from the Caribbean With All The Amenities You'd Expect

=== MUST SELL OR THIS UNIT IS TURNED BACK TO THE RESORT=====

SALE: 1/31/15 to 2/7/15 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, Newly Renovated completely redone (during 2015) luxurious sleep-four studio overlooking both the Marina pool and Pelican beach (a short walk to Marina Residences, next door). Many beaches, great restaurants, piano bar (The Red Piano), more nightlife, casinos, a Deli, and other shops and nearby, and a clothing optional beach is about two miles away. Unit features all-new stove, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, WiFi is on site, sleeps four, very convenient. 2016 occupancy. Reduced to BEST OFFER OVER \$2700. Please contact Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com or call 508-747-8281

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

1. Lots of Cruise Ships: Harbor Stays Busy

Lots of cruise ships continue to visit SXM, making things very busy at the A. C. Wathey Cruise & Cargo Facilities. April vacation in many school systems across the US adds to the crowds. Although high season is technically over, the island continues to be busy thanks to the freezing cold, snowy winter experienced in North America. April's cold spring in the Northeast has helped, too.

See section 3 for related info about Club Orient / Orient Beach, seaweed, and more about the new hotels that may be coming.

2. Weather Outlook

With the sun higher in the sky, things feel hotter even though temperatures are staying pretty much where they have been: low 80s daytimes, mid to upper 70s at night.

See "Weather" on www.everythingsxm.com for tropical weather info as the tropics warm up with the start of hurricane season June 1. And for daily weather forecasts for the week ahead, go here: <http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday//Saint+Martin+Island+Guadeloupe+GPXX0005:1:GP>

Bear in mind that most of the time, showers are brief and are gone quickly... and are nothing to be concerned about.

3. SXM Airport Growth Graphics - Where To Download The PowerPoint

(Reminder)

Two weeks ago, we published an extensive article concerning the future of air travel to St. Maarten, particularly at Princess Juliana airport. The article discussed additional airlines which are expected to come to the island, additional US cities from which nonstop flights are expected to originate, changes in the airport's physical plant, and much more. If you missed the article, it is now live here (as of today, Monday):

http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml

Also posted there are PDFs of all our other recent *SXM Weekly News* editions.

Since we wrote that article, the airport has released graphics showing some of the locations of some of its future facilities. You can download those graphics, if you are a JMB Website Supporters member, here:

www.everythingSXM.com/secret/ also now (Monday).

SXM Weekly News is free, but there is a huge bandwidth expense involved in offering downloads from our site, which is why we only offer downloads to our paid JMB Website Supporters members.

See the article at the beginning of section 3, below, about our anniversary sale; it gives you hundreds of discounts across the island for short money, and will entitle you to future downloads as they become available. Sale ends this Thursday, April 30: get your own membership subscription today.

4. How To Get The Lowest-Cost Airfares, Hotels, Cruises, and Tour Packages Worldwide (Repeat)

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 the past few weeks 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, and during a brief introductory period for everyone else, 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.

This is a new benefit for JMB members. During this introduction, everyone can join by going to www.SkyMedtravelclub.com, clicking the sign up link on the top right corner of the homepage, and providing the requested information. It's very important to complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — entering that code is what ensures that you pay nothing to be a member of the SkyMed Travel Club. If you fail to enter that code, you will not gain free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing.

Do join — you will not be disappointed once you've booked through them.

SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

See also the "Marriott" story and the Alegria story in the next section.

5. SXM Smaller Hotel of the Week, #4

Beyond the big hotels like Westin and Sonesta Maho, and timeshares like Simpson Bay and Oyster Bay, which we've covered here many times, SXM has numerous smaller hotels with lots to offer.

This is the fourth in a new series of brief articles on many of those hotels. Below, you'll see a list of all resorts covered so far, in reverse chronological order, most recent first. Watch for other articles in this series coming for the next several weeks.

When we first visited SXM on our own in 1979, our charter package included a stay at The Summit Resort. At the time its chalets were painted brown and white, looking more like alpine Swiss residences than tropical ones. Today, the chalets are coral and a light tropical green. Inside are free fast internet access, wide-screen TVs, big beds, and all the other condo-like amenities you'd expect. Their pool deck, which houses both a restaurant and a bar open to the public, offers stunning hilltop views of the quiet northern lagoon with visibility of Marigot, neighboring Anguilla, and even Creole Rock in the Anguilla channel. Inside the resort, which consists of dozens of chalets, are tropical gardens with lots of butterflies -- the gardens are the pet project of General Manager Ms. Patricia Evans, one of the most talented young managers on any island. (The lady is an MBA.) We continue to recommend Summit Resort highly; they are a multiyear recipient of our Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence. The resort and the restaurant both give discounts to JMB members -- see the Secret Website for details. If you're not a member, you're spending too much on SXM; see article #27 re: our Membership Sale, which ends this Thursday, April 30. .

Watch for another small SXM hotel here next week.

Summit Resort*, Cupecoy, Dutch Side www.thesummitresort.com (4/27/15)

L'Esplanade Hotel*, Grand Case, St. Martin, FWI, www.lesplanade.com (4/20/15)

Mary's Boon Beach Plantation, Simpson Bay, www.marysboon.com (4/13/15)

Baker's Suites*, Simpson Bay on Billy Folly Road near Kim Sha Beach, www.bakerssuites.com. (4/6/15)

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Story 6:

Talk Directly With Jeff Berger About SkyMed Medical Evacuation.

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SkyMed offers short-term, annual, and multi-year plans. SkyMed protects you either in North America and the Caribbean or virtually everywhere around the world... your choice.

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Call Jeff any weekday from 10 a.m. Eastern to 5 p.m. at 508-747-8281. If there's no answer, leave a message. He'll answer any questions you may have and can sign you up by phone.

Note: SkyMed's top plan is their SkyMed Ultimate, a five-year family plan with global coverage available to JMB members for a low prepaid fee or just \$59/month if you prefer to pay monthly (requires payments for at least two

years). There are several plans available to meet any need.

Call today for answers to all your SkyMed questions. SkyMed Takes You Home®.

7. Dollarization Apparently Still on the Table for Dutch Side

Ever since "Country St. Maarten" was founded 4 1/2 years ago on 10/10/10, the old Antillean Guilder has remained its official currency. There was never any intention for that situation to be permanent. The major choices were some new currency, or dollarization.

For Americans, it doesn't matter much. Dollars are everywhere and are universally accepted although dollar Travelers Checks are not generally accepted, except at casinos. Dollarization is still under consideration apparently ... we'll continue to watch, no news yet.

Regardless of the final decision, we expect dollars to continue to be very widely accepted.

8. Marriott Is Likely Brand of New Hotel Coming to the Harbor

We've reported in detail recently about the big new resort coming to the Dutch Side Harbor. It looks like both the Seminole Tribe (Hard Rock Hotels) and Marriott are interested and the folks in the Harbor Group of Companies have said they prefer a Marriott.

We do not know who will operate the new resort hotel. We do know that Columbia Sussex operates the Westin and that -- as a huge operator of hotels, casinos, and resorts -- Columbia-Sussex had originally considered branding the Dawn Beach property a Marriott. Westin won out.

See the article in this section (#9) about Alegria. What's going on there could affect the harbor and vice versa -- we'll keep you posted.

9. Hazy Future at Alegria / Caravanserai

For many months, there has been talk of plans to bulldoze much of what's left of Caravanserai Resort. One official of a hotel management company in New York that's apparently connected with Alegria reportedly has said that everything there except Dunes Casino will be bulldozed. If that's the case, it would explain why the resort doesn't seem to care about the fact that it's not at all busy.

There has not yet been any significant demolition on the property, nor has anything formally been introduced to the public about what's going there. One rumor which we're trying to confirm says that Marriott, or hoteliers using the Marriott brand -- remember them? -- are interested in putting a Marriott Renaissance hotel on that property. Whether that will happen -- and if so, what effect it might have on resort plans at the harbor -- remains to be seen, but we're watching as always. There are no plans for any timesharing at that location -- but Marriott does do timesharing.

10. SPN Sports Bar Becomes Coconut Grove Restaurant With TVs...

Restaurateur Pierre (Pete) Ferland operates Pineapple Pete, Sushiitto, The Alley, and until recently SPN Sports Bar in Simpson Bay. When major sports events have happened, SPN was packed; when they didn't, it wasn't.

Pierre knows what he is doing and is a greatly admired, award-winning restaurateur. He has received the Crystal Pineapple Award in the past as well as our Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence -- this year for both Pineapple Pete and Sushiitto.

Now he is transforming SPN from a Sports Bar to Coconut Grove, a restaurant with TVs. Yes you will be able to watch your favorite sporting events -- right now basketball, hockey, baseball, and soccer -- but it's more of a

restaurant now as opposed to a sports bar where you'd watch TV while having a few beers and munchies.

Knowing Pierre, we know he'll do a fine job -- and for us it will still be the place do go to eat and watch sports on TV.

11. Club Orient Naturist Beach "Wicked" Busy

Much of the country has April school vacations and last week, it was lots of folks from Massachusetts. They and many others invaded the naturist beach at Club Orient, southern end of Orient Beach, French Side, for an all-over tan. Even at the end of March we were already seeing some high school and college students apparently trying naturism for the first time at Club Orient, and loving it.

It *is* "wicked" busy on the beach.

12. Something Special in SXM If You Enjoy The Sea

If you love to watch the sea -- and in particular if you'd love to stay in a villa on top of Point Blanche with amazing views and inside decorating that will knock your socks off -- look here on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/jeff.berger1/media_set?set=a.10152997546678705.1073741838.790598704&type=3

A good friend owns this beautiful villa and it is now available for either short-term rentals or for longer-term lease. Located conveniently near Philipsburg, it's a quick 20 minutes (if that) to Orient Beach, and convenient to everything else. PM us on Facebook if you're interested in being put in touch with the owner.

This home was recently featured on HGTV. The current owner acquired it after that and has completely redecorated it.

13. SXM Summer Vacations With Kids / Grandchildren

Where to take them? Here are our top choices:

- a) Carousel, Simpson Bay: great carousel (only one in SXM), plus lots of great homemade ice cream / gelato. The ice cream is pricey but outstanding.
- b) Also get Etna ice cream in stores -- ultra creamy and delicious; all natural. Great treat in your hotel, villa, or condo.
- c) [Butterfly Farm](#), near Orient Beach, especially early in the morning.
- d) Le Galion Beach, French Side; very calm and relaxing for kids, with palms to shield the sun.
- e) Mullet Bay Beach, Dutch Side, better for older kids who love to boogie-board. Family oriented.
- f) Pinel Island, a perfect beach getaway for the whole family.
- g) Yoda Guy exhibit for movie fans of all ages; Front Street, Philipsburg, Dutch Side.
- h) Maho Beach, next to SXM Airport, kids will love it except little ones who may well be terrified of the low-flying planes.
- i) Da Party Bus does trips lasting several hours from near the Cruise Ship terminal; suitable for all ages. See www.thestmaartenpartybus.com.
- j) Friar's Bay is good for kids (though watch the drop off) and has food.

There are more... but these are among the best.

14. Totally Renovated Unit At Simpson Bay Available for Very Short Money...

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15. Best Beaches for Kids

See story 13 -- we listed several there, plus much more to do with kids.

16. Get Great Jewelry Specials in SXM for Mother's Day

Many SXM jewelers -- including [Zhaveri](#), [Caribbean Gems](#), and [Oro Diamonte](#), our partners -- are offering great specials for Mother's Day (in person and orders over the web). Check their sites to learn more.

17. Vesna Taverna Open Wednesday Through Sunday For Dinner Starting Again May 1

[Vesna Taverna](#) in Simpson Bay, near the La Palapa Marina area, one of our favorite restaurants and an Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence winner for 2015, is open every day for breakfast and lunch and reopens at night for dinner starting May 1 after Vesna and Yannick return from a brief vacation. Love the food, ambiance, and of course Vesna... Definitely go. See www.vesnataverna.com for much more.

Vesna welcomes JMB Website Supporters members; see the members-only Secret Site for more info on what they offer. For details on all discounts and benefits, see the Discounts Master Index on the Secret Site. Login using the orange login box on all pages of www.everythingsxm.com.

Vesna serves dinner from Wednesday night through Sunday night.

18. Our Top Recommendation for a Boat Charter

The Celine catamaran, built by hand by Captain Neil Roebert in South Africa before he sailed it across the Atlantic in 1996 (ask him about that sometime), was a great little cat that took thousands of people on island excursions for many years. Securely tied to its pier last fall, it was hit and sunk by a much larger boat that was not securely moored when Hurricane Gonzalo struck SXM.

The blessing was that at the time Neil was working on a catamaran / motor yacht that is close to twice the size of Celine -- and without sails it can go under the Causeway even when the Causeway "turntable" bridge isn't open.

The Celine Too runs scheduled trips a number of times each weekday and on some week nights, and it is available for charter for trips to nearby islands. You can set the itinerary, menu, etc. Beautiful boat, fantastic crew, and a great experience all around. See www.sailstmaarten.com or call Neil at 721-526-1170.

Celine and Neil are Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence winners and Neil has given discounts to JMB members for many years, as have many other SXM boat operators. Check www.everythingsxm.com/secret (password required - members only) for full details on all our discounts. Still not a member? See the top of this section; our Membership Sale ends this Thursday.

See next story.

19. Why Sailing Excursions on the Celine Too Motor Yacht Are Now So Much Better

It's new -- big and smooth -- luxurious -- and at sea sailing to neighboring islands or Tintamarre, it's smoother than Celine because of its size and weight so it's exceptionally comfortable. Do it: www.sailstmaarten.com. See story 18.

20. Seaweed Update

The Sargasso seaweed we've reported on since last summer does not affect the whole island and is certainly not constantly around. It tends to affect some eastern-facing beaches some of the time. Western facing beaches usually have no trace of it at all. And the naturist beach at Club Orient, open to everyone, is well shielded by a reef and is clean and beautiful.

21. Best Brunch: Westin, Without a Doubt

We wrote about it during the winter and told you many of its features. Think amazing from beginning to end; it's about the most expensive brunch you'll ever find, with lots of selections for everyone. Go and look -- you'll be convinced quickly. Menus are available in the lobby. Brunch is Sunday only.

The Westin is at the southern end of Dawn Beach, Dutch Side.

22. Exploring Anse Marcel

Anse Marcel, French Side, is best known as the region where the Pinel Island Ferry is. But if you explore its northern reaches, you'll find beautiful though rocky beaches ... great snorkeling, we hear (don't snorkel alone here); donkeys and horses who like to be fed stale baguettes and photographed; occasional paragliders (who embark from the hill next to the French Side dump); and the RIU Palace resort, near where Tony's Restaurant is (Tony is Sam's partner in their cousins "Cugini" restaurant in Simpson Bay.)

Go to Anse Marcel and bring your camera.

23. Meet Roland Richardson

Renowned globally as the father / patriarch of plein air impressionism, Sir Roland Richardson paints at his Marigot studio just about every Thursday from midmorning on. He explains how light and painting from life guide him -- something you will appreciate in the amazingly colorful works that are located throughout his extraordinary gallery / museum. See www.rolandrichardson.com -- reservations are free, unnecessary, but appreciated. Sir Roland willingly answers questions and you will find the experience captivating and fascinating, beginning to end. It's flat out amazing....

24. Where To Get Professional Nail Care on SXM

Reservations are essential at Georgina's Nails at La Palapa Center in Simpson Bay (second floor). Great service, very professional, a huge array of services (everything you'd expect). Our highest recommendation. Tell her we recommended you go...

25. How To Win a Week's Vacation in SXM from JMB

Our Three Vacation Giveaway is only about 10 weeks away from giving away vacations.

To celebrate the 1,000th edition of *SXM Weekly News*, coming this summer, we're giving away three SXM

vacations. Here's where:

[Summit Resort Hotel](#), Cupecoy Beach;
[L'Esplanade Boutique Hotel](#), Grand Case; and
[Club Fantastico Naturist Resort](#), Orient Beach

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26. Restaurant of the Week: Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar

Dany and John have been serving up a storm at their little lean-to at Cupecoy Beach for close to 20 years. They offer chairs for rent, umbrellas, many kinds of drinks, and real grilled "LoLo" food. Their chicken is wonderful (our favorite LoLo on the island).

You can park free in the lot next to Ocean Club, or if you prefer to park right next to the stairs at the beach, Dany leases that private land for his business and you can pay a small fee and park there. (He has to charge to pay his lease). Well worth it no matter where you park. My car had a flat tire when I returned to it one late afternoon and Dany insisted I stand aside so he could change the tire for me. Very good people. Tell them we suggested you go.

See more below. Most of the listed restaurants offer discounts to JMB Website Supporters members; see the Secret Site for details.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 4/6/15)

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 3/23/15)

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 4/21/14)

Cugini (featured 12/8/14)

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 3/10/14)

Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 11/17/14)

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 8/11/14)

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 2/23/15)

Fusion, 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 (featured 9/2/14)

Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 3/16/15)

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.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 2/23/15)

Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/28/14)

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 2/2/15)

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 5/5/14)

SPN Cafe (now Coconut Grove), <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 (featured 4/13/15)

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 11/10/14)

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/23/15)

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)

We'll write about another SXM restaurant here next week as we continue our weekly SXM restaurant coverage.

27. Last Call: Membership Sale Ends This Thursday, April 30

To celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin, we're offering you 237+ discounts and other benefits at special low anniversary sale prices. But it ends this Thursday, April 30.

What you get: Discounts on everything you need for a great SXM vacation, including where to get the lowest airfares; high quality hotel stays at low cost; discounted car rentals; dozens of restaurant discounts; dozens of shopping discounts; activities discounts; jewelry gift cards, and lots more. The pages below provide much more info.

New memberships, renewals, and reinstatements are heavily discounted in this sale. Prices begin as low as \$49 for a new one-year membership *but* five years is just \$99 total. Renewals and reinstatements are sharply discounted now too.

Buy a new membership here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Reinstate your former JMB membership here: <http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Renew your current JMB membership at the Membership Renewal Center on the members-only "secret" website. Login through the orange login box below the masthead on each page of our site, www.everythingsxm.com.

Our SXM discounts are worth lots of money; why spend more than you have to? Sign up today. Below is a small sample of the 237+ companies across SXM offering discounts to JMB members:

[AIA Massage](#), Tricia Altenau, Ti Spa, L'Esplanade Hotel, Grand Case

[Baker's Suites](#), Simpson Bay

[Mr. Busby's Beach Bar](#), Dawn Beach

[Canoa Restaurant](#), Dawn Beach

[Caribbean Gems](#), Philipsburg

[Celine Too Motor Yacht](#), Simpson Bay

Cugini Italian Restaurant, Simpson Bay (no website; they are located between Fedex and the Carousel)

[Daniel's By The Sea Restaurant](#), Dawn Beach

[Island Pizza](#), Dawn Beach

[iZi Ristorante Italiano](#), Simpson Bay

[Le Pressoir](#) French Restaurant, Grand Case

Orange Grove Pharmacy, Cole Bay

[Pineapple Pete Restaurant / Coconut Grove Bar & Restaurant](#), Simpson Bay

[Spiga](#) Italian Restaurant, Grand Case

[Summit Resort Hotel](#), Cupecoy Beach

Super Dollar Store, (no website, located on L. B. Scott Rd., Mary's Fancy, Dutch Side)

[Sushiitto](#), Port de Plaisance Casino, Cole Bay

[The St. Maarten Party Bus](#) (There's only one Party Bus)

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Beach

[Toppers and Toppers By The Sea](#), Simpson Bay

[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#), SXM

[Vesna Taverna](#), Simpson Bay

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#), Philipsburg

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28. Pick Up Some of Our Authentic SXM Euro Oval Stickers -- Great Souvenirs

For years, we've printed and distributed our own SXM Euro Oval stickers -- green lettering on a white background with twin palm trees in the background. They measure 5 3/4" x 3 3/4". You've likely seen them across SXM.

They're back and you can now order your own... We're currently offering them to our *SXM Weekly News* readers at economical pricing. They are one for \$5 or 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) 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.

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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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Meet Our Sponsors (updated 9/27/13) Returns Next Issue

SECTION 4: For Members Only (Constantly Updated)

A. Where to Get Member Info: www.everythingsxm.com/secret

B. Password Recovery Info: Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot password" in the orange login box near the masthead at

www.everythingsxm.com.

C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads: See www.everythingsxm.com/secret .

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

Please see our site, www.everythingsxm.com.

CONTACT US

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