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1. Get Up-To-Date Tropical Outlooks, Watches, & Warnings

A major update to the Weather section of our everythingSXM.com website was completed late last week.

In addition to many new real-time tropical weather graphics — including satellite images and new loops — our weather site has now been updated with the National Hurricane Center's latest tropical outlook; tropical weather discussion (for true weather geeks); and the latest forecasts, watches, and warnings for all active storms.

You can access all this information free, as always: just go to [everythingxm.com](http://everythingxm.com) and click "Weather" in the masthead.

If you are prospectively in the path of any future approaching storm, we urge you to visit [crownweather.com](http://crownweather.com) and to sign up for their incredibly inexpensive detailed forecasting service. It's by far the best on the web and it can prove highly useful to you, your family, and your business.

As we've said before, if you are in the path of an approaching storm, never use any website for life or death advice: always rely on directives from local authorities.

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2. "Today's SXM Weather" & Four Sources of Current SXM Weather Info

(Revised 8/28)

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com), and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the

latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well.

3) Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.

4) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see [www.island92.com](http://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.

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

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

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### 3. **Guaranteed Lowest Rates** for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals

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#### 4. Who Is At Simpson Bay Resort's Owner Orientations?

Simpson Bay timeshare owners should sit in on the Monday 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 and take a free brochure with you.

Do it and let us know what you think, by emailing [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "Monday at Simpson Bay."

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#### 5. Hundreds of SXM T/S Rentals for 2017, 2018 Available from Owners

The timeshare page of our everythingSXM.com website was again updated late last week. It offers hundreds of timeshare condominiums for rent from now through 2018. All rentals are directly from timeshare owners, so there are no middleman fees and no commissions. We accept ads only from our JMB Website Supporters members, so you're not dealing with strangers in these transactions.

To see the ads, go to everythingSXM.com and click Timesharing.

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### **SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits**

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#### 6. "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 check this section in the coming weeks when we roll out many entirely new discounts and benefits.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, click the links in the next article.

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### **SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features**

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Hear Jeff Live On Island 92 Radio (91.9 FM or  
[www.island92.com](http://www.island92.com))  
Every Monday with Dr. Soc  
Between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. Island Time  
(same as EDT)

## 7. St. Maarten / St. Martin Preparing for Major Hurricane Irma

This is decidedly not St. Maarten's "first rodeo." When category four hurricane Luis slammed SXM almost exactly 22 years ago, the Dutch side, particularly, wasn't prepared for it. Electricity was down for weeks and the island was an unholy mess.

That was then, this is now. There have been other hurricanes to hit SXM during the past 20 years, some of them quite serious. Throughout that period, both GEBE electricity lines and telecommunications lines have been buried across the island, which means that the bounceback from electricity and telecommunications issues after a major storm should be significantly faster — assuming, of course, that GEBE is able to generate electricity. The French side has had far fewer issues.

Everyone on both sides of the island knows fully what hurricanes can do. At this writing Sunday, Irma's effects on SXM are yet to be conclusively determined. But there is little doubt now that SXM will be hit memorably by Irma; *how* memorably we'll know better on Monday, and we'll be talking about it extensively on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#); go there and get involved in the discussion. You'll be in good company.

## 8. Latest Irma Forecasts, Watches, and Warnings

During the last two weeks, we've completed a major upgrade of our Weather Center, which you can access by clicking Weather at our main SXM website, [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com). The site in recent weeks has been almost completely redesigned. It now offers the latest storm forecasts, advisories, watches, and warnings, plus the latest NHC tropical outlook. It also features numerous highly useful and informative satellite images and other current storm graphics, all of which are updated in real time directly by the NHC and other providers. You'll see the latest information as it becomes available.

At the top of our Weather Center page, we also refer you to several critically important sources of tropical weather guidance. The most important is [CrownWeather.com](http://CrownWeather.com), where Rob Lightbown is chief honcho. As a Boston TV meteorologist told Jeff a few weeks ago, "Rob is the go to guy for everything regarding tropical weather." We have always urged that anyone who may be in the path of any tropical storm or hurricane subscribe to Rob's private forecasts which in our experience are extremely accurate and also extremely inexpensive; we've subscribed for years.

## 9. About Developing Storm Jose, Next In Line Behind Irma

Hundreds of miles to Irma's southeast is another developing weather system which could become José in the next few days. If it does form, it is unknown whether it will have any meaningful interaction with Irma and what if any effect such interaction may have either on Irma's intensity or its path.

Notably, Jose could hit some of the same areas Irma hits -- much like Luis and Marilyn did in 1995.

Please see the other stories in this section.



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## 10. What Tourists Should Do If Irma Hits SXM

If you're currently on SXM, there's only one thing you must do with relation to the approach of hurricane Irma. That is simply to listen to and heed all advice from local authorities.

The Dutch side government has a meteorological branch which will continue to issue watches, warnings, and advisories concerning Irma, all of which will be broadcast at once on Island92 radio at 91.9 FM and online at island92.com.

Although the Weather Center on our everythingSXM.com site provides a wealth of information that can be highly useful to you, you should never use any website for guidance in life or death situations such as the potential approach of hurricane or tropical storm conditions. For your safety, always heed the advice of local authorities.

The Dutch Side government is setting up shelters but as of now has no plans to open them until after the storm - when some roads may be impassable. Hopefully they will change that decision so people can leave unsafe areas before the storm strikes.

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## 11. What Airlines Will Do If Irma Is Poised to Strike SXM

In the vaguest of ways, a hurricane on the islands is like a blizzard at home in the US or Canada. Aircraft can't land or take off in blizzards, so flights are canceled and aircraft and their crews are relocated to safer areas. That is exactly what will happen in SXM should Irma come close to the island on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Airlines don't fly when it's not safe to do so. They won't put you or their aircraft or their employees in harm's way. Keep in touch with them. If the storm approaches, keep your cell phone charged and turn it off unless you absolutely need to be using it — for example, to phone fire or police -- or an airline. Never use your phone for anything frivolous when you might need it to handle an emergency related to the storm.

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## 12. Where To Find Copious Current Storm Satellite Images

We mentioned in story #8 that you can get the latest advisories, forecasts, watches, and warnings near the top of the Weather page on our everythingSXM.com website.

That same page also carries a number of sophisticated satellite images, radar loops, and even a wind analysis that can help you get a leg up on storm information.

### Meteorologist Rob Lightbown Comments on Irma Hitting SXM:

On Sunday it became quite apparent that Irma will hit SXM -- in one way or another. As we posted on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), meteorologist Rob Lightbown said this on Sunday:

"My thoughts for the Leeward Islands, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico – We are becoming very concerned on how far south Irma will track over the next day or so and then how quickly (or slowly) it turns back to the west-northwest. The reason we are so concerned is because the further south Irma tracks, the greater the chance the hurricane will pass directly over the Leeward Islands and Virgin Islands.

"As of right now, I think we should see Irma's eye pass about 25-35 miles or so north of Anguilla on Wednesday and then about 100 miles north of San Juan, Puerto Rico on Wednesday night. Based on this, I am forecasting the following impacts for the Leeward Islands, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

"Tropical Storm Conditions are expected across the islands of Dominica and Guadeloupe on Tuesday night & Wednesday & across the US Virgin Islands & Puerto Rico on Wednesday & Wednesday night. This includes up to 60 mph winds, heavy rain squalls and very rough surf.

"Hurricane Conditions are expected for the islands of Antigua, Barbuda, St. Martin and Anguilla on Tuesday night and Wednesday and across the British Virgin Islands on Wednesday and Wednesday night. We have serious concerns for a major hurricane impact for the islands of Barbuda, St. Martin and Anguilla as well as for the British Virgin Islands as the eyewall of Irma could pass over these islands late Tuesday night and Wednesday.

"Everyone across the Leeward Islands, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico needs to prepare for hurricane conditions as soon as possible. Any further south shifts in the forecast track of Irma could put the core of the hurricane right across much of the Leeward Islands, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico."

*Again, we reiterate that in emergency situations, you should rely on information from local officials and never make life or death decisions based upon the content of any website. Heed local authorities.*

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### 13. Grand Case Restaurant Sells Off Lobsters as Storm Approaches

Fearing a possible direct or close hit by hurricane Irma on SXM, at least one Grand Case restaurant chose to sell off many lobsters from its pool late last week. Lobsters are expensive on both the retail and wholesale level, so the retail pricing of these "clearance" lobsters wasn't at bargain basement levels — but many of them went anyway.

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### 14. On Island? Here's Where to Hear Latest Gov't Storm Info

No radio station on the island has done a better job of communicating urgent emergency information than Island92 radio at 91.9 FM and island92.com..

If you expect to be in your hotel room during the height of a storm, it's great to have a dependable battery-operated radio on which you can listen to the station and hear the latest storm information. Island92 is run by a crack team of broadcasting professionals with direct, dependable ties to local officials; depend on them to bring you the latest news quickly and concisely

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### 15. Hotels, Restaurants, Residents Prepare for Irma's

## Arrival

Preparations have been underway for days to ensure that the island is ready for the possible arrival of Irma.

If you see staff people doing peculiar things around hotel, timeshare, or rental properties, you can believe their actions are directly related to Irma's approach.

One of the strangest things people tend to see in the tropics is pool attendants putting pool lounges and related furniture into swimming pools. It's a safe, fast place to put such stuff; no one wants lightweight projectiles flying around during a storm -- and the pool storage approach works well.

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## 16. Island Businesses Suffering from a Slow Season

Despite the fact that a fair number of people were on the island during the summer, it appears that most of them didn't buy much.

We've talked before about the changing demographic of island tourists. The good news is that the island gets many of its first time stayover tourists from people who first visit the island on a cruise ship. The bad news is that in an apparently increasing number of cases, people in this demographic blow much of their wad on airline tickets to SXM and have precious little left for dinners out, jewelry, or much else.

The island must promote itself effectively to a higher demographic if it is going to pull out of its financial mess. Much more on this is in the next article.

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## 17. Heyliger Slams Ruling Coalition on Lack of Island Marketing

Leading SXM political figure Theo Heyliger has been involved in Dutch side politics for more than 20 years. He is one of the most dynamic, productive, charismatic, and effective politicians in the history of the island. You would probably expect that from the grandson of Dr. A. C. Wathey, who essentially opened the island to tourism many decades ago and focused the island on tourist dollars as its main source of revenue.

Theo has been the driving force behind most of the ambitious development projects on the island, including the Dr. A. C. Wathey cruise and cargo facilities; the beautification several years ago of downtown Philipsburg (Boardwalk, Front Street, Back Street); the completely new terminal at SXM Airport; and the Simpson Bay Lagoon Causeway, all of which have added substantively to the tourism product offered by SXM.

In an article in the SXM *Daily Herald*, Heyliger blasted the current Dutch side coalition government saying it bears responsibility for numerous Dutch side business failures which he laid squarely at the government's feet, saying their marketing efforts were virtually nonexistent.

See [his article](#) here.

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## 18. Island Government Considers Doubling Timeshare Tax

In a move that totally defies logic, the Dutch side coalition government has expressed keen interest in doubling the weekly taxes paid by timeshare owners to the island from \$50 per week to \$100 per week.

The move defies logic because timeshare owners are the people who have repeatedly saved the island's butt when tropical storms have slashed the island, the global economy crashed and burned, and Chikungunya and Zika hit the island at the same time a few years ago. Timeshare owners by the thousands come to SXM anyway, saving it from financial disaster.

*Now, the government wants to increase taxes on the single most remunerative group of island visitors, decreasing*

*their ability to contribute to the island economy by buying things and paying turnover taxes and helping employers pay island residents who are their employees?*

*This is the single most counterproductive idea we have seen since the government floated a trial balloon concerning an enormous increase in fees that it wants these same people to pay to set up and run an unnecessary, bloated timeshare authority bureaucracy.*

If ever the *Harvard Business Review*, the astute business publication of Harvard University, were looking for a case study on how an island can kill its economy, this is it.

One would hope that sane heads prevail and the island do its utmost to prioritize promotion and marketing as the way to more effectively sell its tourism product rather than tax visitors to death, slamming the goose that lays its golden eggs.

*Aruba spends roughly USD\$22-million per year on marketing and advertising; SXM spends way less than 10% of that. It's a perfect prescription for financial disaster.*

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## 19. Restaurant Seasonal Closings

Although a few St. Maarten and St. Martin restaurants remain open year round — Mr. Busby's Beach Bar and Daniel's by the Sea most notably — many shut down for a few weeks each Fall in their annual closing. If you visit our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), you'll find a fairly complete listing of restaurants and their annual closing dates in our Files section. Just click Files in the top left part of the page.

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## 20. Bravo's SXM-Based "Below Deck" Premieres Tuesday 9/5

Bravo's popular Below Deck TV series, regarding interactions among crewmembers on a sailing yacht, returns to the air Tuesday September 5 at 9 PM Eastern on the BRAVO cable network, as we previously reported.

As we also reported, the series was filmed this past winter on both the French and Dutch sides of the island.

The boat used in the series, Valor, whose real name is BG, was docked at the yacht club in downtown Marigot. Guests used "toys" aboard the boat as it was anchored in the Little Bay area, and both the captain and crew were seen many times across the island — including at least one dinner filmed at Toppers in Simpson Bay.

Enjoy the series; you're likely to see some very familiar places.

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## 21. Residents Ordering Online for Quality & Price, But...

St. Maarten does not have effective consumer protection legislation, and warranties on purchased products "basically run out as soon as the product is delivered," one disgruntled SXM business owner told us last winter. Sick and tired of poor quality and worse customer service particularly regarding business appliances, that business owner and many others have turned to online US businesses to buy needed items. Even with shipping, the superior quality and warranties make it worthwhile, they say.

The St. Maarten government misses out on taxes when people buy this way — so now it's talking about imposing taxes on purchases of any items overseas that are delivered to the island. The tax that's being contemplated would be based upon weight, not size, and it also appears that it would affect American and Canadian ex-pats living on the island and ordering through, for example, Amazon.

As always, we'll keep you posted. This is not yet a done deal.

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## 22. Slight Earthquake Saturday Jostles Island

Some people noticed it but more people didn't: a very slight earthquake gently shook the island early Saturday afternoon. There were no reports of damage or injuries since the tremor was so light.

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## 23. 300+ SXM Discounts in Our "Dog Days" Sale, ***Ending Soon***

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Hundreds of St. Maarten / St. Martin Discounts  
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Renewal JMB memberships: Four years, just \$89; three years, \$69; one year, \$34

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

JMB Membership Reinstatements: Four years, just \$89; three years, \$69; one year, \$34

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

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## 24. Rare SkyMed Sale Now Underway

Buy a new SkyMed one, three, or five year membership --OR-- upgrade to a three or five year membership at [getskymed.com](http://getskymed.com) or by phone at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only)...forward your approval letter from SkyMed to [support@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:support@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject SkyMed Sale along with your full street address and daytime phone number... and we will issue you a new or extended JMB membership for the same number of years.

Limited time only. You've been thinking about doing this -- now is the time. *Upgrade bonus applies to SkyMed memberships bought from us.*

SKYMED Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. Global coverage is available and it's standard on Ultimate three- and five-year memberships. Call us for details.

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## 25. Now: Just \$59/month\* for SkyMed's Best Medevac Protection

How about SkyMed for \$59 a month for your family?

SkyMed medical evacuation programs protect your pocketbook and your health when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. That's because SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when

you become critically ill while traveling. They protect your pocketbook by making it unnecessary for you to pay for a medical evacuation in cash in advance --- the only way to get this level of protection without being a SkyMed member.

Those out-of-pocket costs are huge: upwards of \$45,000 in many cases, and often far more.

\* Now, you can get a five year SkyMed Ultimate membership and pay for it monthly at just \$59 per month for your family, which makes it easily affordable to practically anyone (even retirees and AUC students).

Of course, if you prefer, you can prepay for five years at the sharply reduced rate of \$2495 for JMB Website Supporters members. When you apply, you can get a 10 year price guarantee as well simply by noting on the application that you want an automatic renewal. That's the equivalent of paying \$499 per year for 10 years— an extraordinary price guarantee in times that are tumultuous politically worldwide.

**You can also pay the \$59 a month for a month or two then convert to the prepaid Ultimate membership to grab those prepayment savings.** For info, call Jeff Berger at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only). He can answer all your questions and even help you get signed up. *Please also see the next story.*

Learn more at [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com).

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## 26. Traveling This Fall? "Beat" SkyMed's 90-day Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion

On its annual and multiyear memberships, SkyMed, the medical evacuation membership company, has a 90 day exclusion on pre-existing conditions; after that, they're covered in full. To solve this, simply obtain your SkyMed membership more than 90 days ahead of the date your travel begins.

Jeff can answer all your SkyMed questions and help you through the brief application process and even submit your application electronically. There is no upper age limit to apply, and pre-existing conditions should not deter you from applying either.

Going to SXM or anywhere else in November, December, or January? See [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com) for more information or call Jeff directly weekdays during normal East Coast business hours at 508-747-8281. (SkyMed calls only.) You can learn more about SkyMed online as well at [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com). Email [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com).

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## 27. Get Our SXM Euro Ovals

Printed with green ink on durable bright white stock, varnished for long life, our copyrighted SXM euro ovals have been adorning cars on SXM and around the world for more than 15 years.

You can now get two for \$10 or five for \$15 mailed first class to your home in the US or Canada. You can pay for them by PayPal or by check. If you pay by PayPal, make sure US dollar funds are sent to [Jeff@JMBcommunications.com](mailto:Jeff@JMBcommunications.com) and in the comments section be sure to tell us what you're buying — two for \$10 or five for \$15, SXM euro ovals, and include your current, correct mailing address.

If you pay by check, we accept US dollar checks only drawn on US banks — sorry, no Canadian checks. You can mail them to SXM euro ovals, care of JMB Communications, PO Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Make the check payable to JMB Communications.

We have a decent supply but we suggest you order quickly. Allow 30 days for shipping. This offer flies south for the winter in October....

We periodically publish pictures of these on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

## 28. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: #37

From Norm O.:

*While only in business for a couple of years around 2012, White Flag was a wonderful martini and tapas bar. Located on the very top on the building on Welfare Rd which housed the Garden Market on the lower level, a night club on second floor and perched on the roof, accessible only by a set of steep steps. Cassandra was the cook, food prep person. Can't remember the owner/bartender's name, although I think she is still on the Island. Featured a large variety of martinis and Montreal Smoked Beef....*

Readers - What's Your Suggestion? We're looking for your suggestions about other restaurants; let us know your past-era SXM favorites so we can feature your complete reviews. Email your suggestions with detailed information please to [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "Look Back." **Please be sure to include as many details as you can; you may well be the sole source of info for a future column.** Do check below first -- we've already featured nearly three dozen former SXM restaurants.

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

Featured previously 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)
- 24 - Callaloo (D)
- 25 - Mario's Bistrot (Marigot) F (updated name and moved to Dutch Side, D)
- 26 - Pinocchio's (D)
- 27 - Cugini (French Side) (F)
- 28 - Zachary's (D)
- 29 - Sweet Tooth (D)
- 30 - Saratoga (D)
- 31 - Frigate (D)
- 32 - The Deli at Mullet Bay Beach Resort (D)
- 33 - Crocodile Cafe (D) (was also known as La Veranda)
- 34 - Pelican Reef (D)
- 35 - Everyt'ing Cool (D)
- 36 - David's (F)
- 37 - White Flag (D)

Note: You can read about all of these past restaurants by checking back issues of *SXM Weekly News* on our PDF archives page. A link to it is near the beginning of this issue. It has just been updated....

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## 29. Be Ready...

Think your vacations are full of eventful days? Look at these:

An MD from Florida on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed *which arranged and paid for* an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: big time.

Mary Beth and her partner Don were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

A recent Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cole Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A member of the clergy fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in all these cases. *SkyMed took its members home in a private, ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works.* That one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.35/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone. You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian expat living in SXM or certain other countries.

Nobody is immune: anything can happen anywhere. Do it today. To learn more, visit [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com). JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters at the beginning of this section.

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## 30. Restaurant of the Week:

Taking a week off this week while we pray for the safety of everyone as Irma passes through. See below:

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](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- check it now, and again 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](http://www.everythingsxm.com) and click the page curl for more info.**

Celine Too Motor Yacht, [www.sailstmaarten.com](http://www.sailstmaarten.com) (featured 8/7/17)  
Big Fish Restaurant [www.bigfishsxn.com/](http://www.bigfishsxn.com/) (featured 5/1/17)  
IZI Ristorante Italiano, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 3/6/17)  
Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17)  
Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/29/17)  
Avantika Thai [www.avantikasxn.com](http://www.avantikasxn.com) (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)  
Canoa, [www.canoasxn.com](http://www.canoasxn.com) (featured 4/10/17)  
Mario Bistro [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 3/13/17  
SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 7/17/17)  
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)  
Daniel's By The Sea, [www.dawnbeachsxn.com](http://www.dawnbeachsxn.com) (featured 8/14/17)  
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](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 5/21/17)  
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](http://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 7/5/17)  
Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 7/10/17)  
Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxn.com> (featured 6/26/17)  
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxn.com> (featured 6/19/17)  
Pineapple Pete, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 7/31/17)  
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](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17)  
Vesna Taverna, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 8/21/17, Eclipse Day)  
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)

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## 31. Enter Our SXM Summertime Vacation Giveaway

Our Summertime SXM vacation giveaway is underway and 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,

2017. Here is our current prize list. Since this giveaway promotes non high-season visits to SXM, most of these vacations are yours from mid April to mid December, 2018. All vacations are subject to availability.

- an 8-day, 7-night vacation at La Vista Resort, May through December 2018.
- a 5 night stay (based upon availability April 10-Dec 18, 2018) in an ocean front room at the Westin St Maarten Dawn Beach Resort, Spa, and Casino.
- a 4-day, 3-night stay at the beautiful Oyster Bay Beach Resort.
- Dinner for Two at Davide Foini's legendary IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort. (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Spiga, the highly acclaimed Italian Restaurant in Grand Case. (One winner.)

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

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

Look here for our PDF archives: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free\\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml). Most issues for the past few years are now online.

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## 33. Answers to Your SkyMed Medevac Questions

We've divided this article into a few sections. They are:

- About SkyMed
- Types of SkyMed Memberships
- Ten-Year Price Guarantee on New Five-Year "Ultimate" Memberships**
- Best Bang for the Buck
- JMB SkyMed Bonus
- Answers to a Frequently Asked Question
- See Many Examples of People Who've Needed Emergency Medical Evacuations and Were Taken Home by SkyMed: [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com)**
- Detailed Features of SkyMed Memberships & Detailed FAQ
- Contact Jeff About SkyMed

About SkyMed:

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](mailto: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](http://www.getskymed.com) or email Jeff at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto: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 per family. *The disadvantage is that they only cover you for the short term you are traveling: when they expire, your protection disappears, and when you're ready to travel again, you must reapply for a new short-term membership. The process is quick, but **you still must be medically approved** and at some point, that may be impossible. Bear in mind that many people travel more than once or twice a year, even if it's only a few hundred miles from home. We recommend annual or multiyear SkyMed memberships instead of short-term memberships when you make multiple trips because the cost is about equal. More important, **annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of changes in your health or advancing age. 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 cancelled 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](mailto:Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com). He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. To see [online frequently asked questions, go here](#). You can also see his SkyMed site at [www.GetSkyMed.com](http://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.

New JMB memberships: Three years, \$89; Five years, \$109 Sale Prices Other durations available. [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

Renewal JMB memberships: Five years, \$109. Other durations available. [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements: Five years, \$109. Other durations available. <http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinststate/index.shtml>

## Ten-Year Price Guarantee on New Five-Year "Ultimate" Memberships

SkyMed is now offering a remarkable 10 year price guarantee on its best memberships, the SkyMed five-year Ultimate. SkyMed ultimate memberships cost only \$499 per year when you pay for their full five year duration at inception. When applying, if you indicate on the application that you want to renew automatically, that renewal will be charged at the same \$499/year rate (prepaid for five years at \$2495) that you had paid *for the full five year new membership at its inception. All SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of health or attained age: this ten-year price guarantee is remarkable especially considering what you get: see the details [here](#).*

The best way to get your questions answered is to call Jeff directly on his SkyMed line, 508-747-8281. He can also take your application by phone and send it to SkyMed electronically. Most applications are processed within a few business days. Get it today, before you need it — make your next trip worry-free.

## Best Bang for the Buck

SkyMed's biggest bang for the buck comes in its five year Ultimate memberships, which offer the broadest selection of benefits and features of any SkyMed membership as well as the lowest price per day of any membership — roughly \$1.30, or \$499 yearly total for your family when you pay for the five-year term at inception.

JMB SkyMed Bonus: Now, when you purchase a SkyMed five-year Ultimate through us either by phone or by visiting [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com), notify us as soon as you receive SkyMed's letter of acceptance and we'll extend your current JMB membership by five full years on us. (JMB members only.) If you're not a JMB Website Supporters member, join now — the savings for our members on all Multiyear SkyMed memberships are very, very substantial.

Answers to a Frequently Asked Question:

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?

Detailed Features of SkyMed Memberships:

Read it for yourself: it beats every would-be competitor hands-down. Look: <http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

And you'll find Frequently Asked Questions here: <http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2015SkyMedFAQ.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](#).

Contact Jeff About SkyMed:

He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at [Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com](mailto:Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com). He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. You can also phone him, about SkyMed only, at 508-747-8281 during normal business hours, Eastern time.

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**Get The Current Low Price**  
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**and keep the current low price on a future 5-yr. renewal.**  
**That's a 10-year price guarantee.**  
**More benefits... same price.**

Ask Jeff for details -- see preceding article.

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34. ... Plus The SkyMed JMB Membership Bonus -- and

## More Info

Now when you join SkyMed through us with a one-year, three-year, or five-year Ultimate membership (SkyMed's lowest cost per day but its most feature-rich medevac membership), notify JMB Website Supporters [at support[at]jmbcommunications.com] upon approval (send us SkyMed approval email) and we'll give you an extension of your JMB Website Supporters membership on us for the same number of years. See story 17. Got questions? Call Jeff at (508)-747-8281. SkyMed calls only, please.

Join today at [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com).

Email Jeff now: [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com)

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\*When applying at [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com), you must approve an automatic 5-year renewal. When you do, your renewal will be at the same price you paid when buying your five-year Ultimate through us. Applies to new SkyMed 5-year Ultimate memberships purchased through us only.

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

Want to rent or buy a week?

\*2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale\* are posted at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.

### SECTION 5: For Members Only

- A. Where to Get Member Info: [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://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 / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.
- C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) .Your username and password are required.

### SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 7/2017

See [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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NON-members who wish to contact us should write to **[jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com)** with the subject \*Free Newsletter Recipient,\* but due to the huge volume of mail received, we may not respond individually.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) .

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