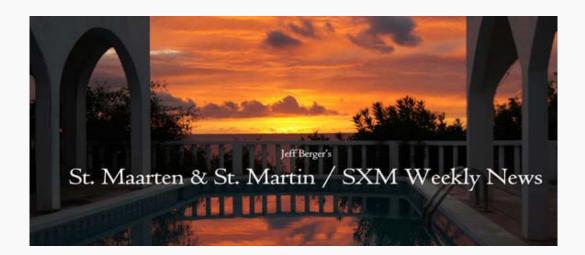
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# THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

# 1. Air Travel to SXM

As you'll see in our full coverage of Hurricane Irma in section 4, the record-breaking storm heavily damaged most everything in its path when it slammed head-on into St. Maarten/St. Maarten last week -- precisely on the 22nd anniversary of devastating Hurricane Luis.

SXM Airport, the only facility on the island capable of handling large international jets, reopened in the last few days for Dutch and American military aircraft as well as US and Canadian airliners chartered to evacuate stranded tourists, of which there are thousands.

Island residents who have been on seasonal vacations are still trying to return home to SXM, but most flights have been canceled and it's very difficult for anyone to get onto the island. The airport terminal building suffered significant damage to its roof, enabling wind and rain to get inside and wreak a fair amount of havoc. Before tourist commercial traffic can be resumed, vital infrastructure must be restored and there must be places available to accommodate tourists. As you'll see in section 4, all that is some time away.

If you plan to come to SXM between now and the end of November, we suggest you contact your destination hotel or timeshare to find out when they'll be ready for business. More than likely, it may be the beginning of next year before even a small percentage of rooms is available. Most airlines will cancel the vast majority of their flights until tourist and general infrastructure have been substantially restored.

## 2. 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 everythingsxm.com and click "Weather" in the

If you are prospectively in the path of any future approaching storm, we urge you to visit 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.

# 3. "Today's SXM Weather" & Four Sources of Current SXM Weather Info (Revised 8/28)

Check our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u> each day for daily weather updates. You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u>, 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 <a href="www.everythingsxm.com">www.everythingsxm.com</a> -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well.
- 3) Our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u>, 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 <a href="https://www.island92.com">www.island92.com</a>. 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 .

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#### 4. Guaranteed Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals

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# 5. Latest Status Update on SXM Timeshare Resorts &

# **Hotels**

Go to our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u> and click Files (top left on PCs, top right on smartphones) to access the file; it tells you the status update of Timeshares & Hotels.

## 6. 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 with the subject "Monday at Simpson Bay."

These will resume when the resort reopens later this year.

## 7. Hundreds of SXM T/S Rentals for Late 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 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.

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

# 8. "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.

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

Hear Jeff Live On Island 92 Radio (91.9 FM or www.island92.com)

Every Monday with Dr. Soc

Between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. Island Time (same as EDT)

Resuming soon.

# 9. Irma: Portrait of a Monster

When it was a few hundred miles east southeast of SXM, the storm innocently named Irma had 120 mph winds. It was strong as were many others before it. But then it entered unusually warm waters -- upwards of 88 degrees. As it lumbered slowly toward SXM in perfect conditions for intensifying, its sustained winds soared to a thunderous 185 mph, practically unheard of, with gusts to 220mph.

On the island, it was low season, when a number of restaurateurs and other business owners were on their seasonal vacations. Those who stayed could only prepare as they always had.

But it was entirely futile...

This edition paints a portrait of Irma ... a monster's visit to SXM.

# What If???

See many examples of people who were traveling exactly like you and unexpectedly / suddenly needed an emergency medical evacuation from SkyMed -- www.getskymed.com

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# 10. A Forecast That Was Dead On -- But Unimaginable

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown of <u>Crown Weather</u>, a renowned hurricane expert, warned of "catastrophic" conditions headed for SXM like a bull's-eye. His forecast was dead on -- but how do you even wrap your head around a storm that was more powerful for more days than any other in the history of the planet?

SXM wasn't utopia but it was about as close to paradise as any place on the planet. Its people were, as always, warm and giving, its beaches sublime, its hotels first class, its shopping extraordinary, and its dining superb.

People just hunkered down and got ready as best they could.

# 11. Texting Friends and Loved Ones Until The Lights Went Out

At **Summit Resort Hotel**, long-time General Manager Patricia Evans had evacuated hotel guests to nearby shelters but stayed onsite like the captain of a ship. She had planned to ride out the storm in the bathroom of one of the resort's dozens of garden chalets along with her four year-old son and her mom, Mena, the resort's head of housekeeping. The all squeezed into the tub, supposedly the safest place.

The winds grew as loud as a freight train and the building shook severely. She heard a loud bang and the roar grew more intense as she was texting us about what was happening. The front door had blown off, she was convinced, but "I dare not go out to look," she said.

Then the texting stopped.

The roof soon flew off and disappeared. Then the second story ripped off.

When it was over, they had miraculously survived, and dug their way out of piles of rubble.

All were OK, as were other Summit employees who had gone through similarly Hellish, life-altering experiences.

The resort was totally destroyed. Some of the chalets had completely vanished in the storm, while Irma left disheveled piles of debris where others had once stood.

But everybody was still alive.

# 12. Like a Huge Tornado That Never Stopped Howling

Pictures of tornados show rubble everywhere. The second most powerful tornados are EF-4s, with winds from 166 to 200 mph.

Irma was like an EF4 that covered the entire island for hours, not minutes, terrorizing everyone and every thing in its grasp. It reportedly spawned tornados in several areas, but the difference between tornadic and hurricane damage was indistinguishable.

Doors blew out across the island, windows shattered from wind or flying debris, cars battered by fearsome winds blew over like toys, and anything not secure disappeared.

There was no way any boat owner could protect what had been his, until Irma took control.

Boats left at anchor or at docks either tore loose and rammed other boats, or were rammed themselves. Boats put on land were nailed by relentless winds and an unending stream of flying debris. There simply was no shelter.

The coast guard later monitored more than 600 emergency beacons. The number of sunken boats, and airplanes flipped over by Irma's unimaginable winds, was uncountable, with tour boats at the top of the list. Celine Too, Random Wind, Passaat, Jab Jab, Mirabella and many others all were lost. The lagoon was littered with sunken boats now delivering a hazard to navigation by their sheer numbers. There were no reported deaths on the boats in the days immediately following the storm: captains know when it's time to save themselves.

# 13. In Coastal Areas, Huge Storm Surge Inundated Everywhere

Irma's 51 mile-wide eye, around which were its worst winds, went right over the island. Its storm surge -- a wall of water shoved forward by the storm and topped off with giant, pounding waves -- slammed inland around the entire island.

At naturist Club Orient on Orient Beach, its chalets were ripped apart by savage winds and pounding waves. Some chalets altogether vanished, down to cement slabs. Club Orient had just started its annual closing days before; now it has to be completely rebuilt. General Manager Steve Payne, knowing what was going to happen, fled to Grand Case Beach Club with several others.

Grand Case was severely hit. Still photos and videos posted by the hundreds on our <a href="Everything St. Maarten">Everything St. Maarten</a>
<a href="Facebook Site">Facebook Site</a> showed incredible devastation to the "Culinary Capital of the Caribbean" where Boulevard de Grand Case was initially impassible thanks to massive debris. Lolos disappeared, Dazed residents had no idea where to start, as was the case across the island.

Electricity was out everywhere and there was no running water. A high percentage of private homes suffered severe

damage and many were uninhabitable. Cars that survived intact couldn't be driven on litter-filled roads. Telephone service was down everywhere and the main UTS cell antenna in Philipsburg toppled in a twisted heap.

Hotels, new upscale condominium buildings, timeshare resorts, and practically everything else was damaged, many severely. The Cliff, the Cupecoy condominium tower, was evacuated and said to have questionable structural integrity after the storm.

The Cruise Ship port was seriously damaged.

SXM Airport, the Dutch Side's pride and joy, was compromised -- wind and rain entered the building through its roof, and some jetways were blown out of their restraints and severely damaged. Beach sand obliterated the ocean end of the runway and pounding waves flattened the airport's perimeter security fences.

Radio stations were knocked off the air. Without power, fresh water, fresh food, and communications of any kind, people began to panic. It was hot during the day, and at night broken windows and soaked beds gave zero relief.

# 14. Everywhere, Stories of Heroism As Many Rallied

Once the winds and rains had stopped, people emerged from homes and resorts. Many people were trapped in debris but neighbors called for them and dug them out when hearing cries from beneath the rubble.

In a surprising number of cases, people had pulled mattresses over themselves to protect against flying or falling debris. The most important thing was to be sure everyone was accounted for and everyone was safe.

Shelters, opened late before the storm started howling on both sides of the island, were packed, Some had power overnight until early in the morning of Irma's arrival, when power and most communications suddenly ended.

The spirit stayed alive and people held onto each other as the howling intensified. That spirit would return once fresh Dutch Marines and French Gendarmes started arriving with food, water, and relief supplies.

# 15. At AUC, Hundreds Sheltered

At the American University of the Caribbean's (AUC) Medical School in Cupecoy, hundreds of students sheltered in place.

Because the French side government had decided to evacuate Grand Case, that town's residents scattered to a number of shelters and even to AUC at Cupecoy where all students living on campus were fully accounted for by the administration

AUC is moving to Chicago, at least through 2018; details on that are in next week's issue.

# 16. Opportunistic Looting & More

While crises bring out the best in most people, they also bring out the worst in a small minority.

Most island residents would easily understand, if not condone, heads of families who had no food or water trying to get it from supermarkets that were closed or compromised. That was especially true here, because of the near total lack of communications.

But in the middle of the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Irma, gangs of people went to electronics and computer stores and looted everything in a frenzy, much like happened at the old RAM's market after hurricane Luis 22 years ago.

Police, stretched well beyond their limits, were unable to help.

By the time gangs became emboldened to go after other targets, Dutch Marines had started arriving beyond the contingent that was already on the island. On the French side, hundreds of additional gendarmes were brought in

with supplements promised from the French Foreign Legion.

When potential robbers were sighted moving into the area of Simpson Bay Resort after the storm, Security immediately contacted Dutch Marines who responded at once, seizing and arresting the would be thieves.

For about a day, things were scary in some areas but the national governments of both France and Holland took control of both sides of the island and started getting things under control rather quickly.

# 17. In The World Press, Much Genuinely "Fake" News

Many news outlets seemed intent on reporting what was happening in St. Maarten/St. Martin regardless of whether they had any real grasp of the topic.

There were many reports worldwide saying that the island had been destroyed and that its airport also was destroyed. Both statements were patently false, as was one particularly idiotic story saying the island was on the verge of Civil War.

At the end of the day, Hurricane Irma inflicted more damage on the island than any storm in memory. The damage was severe in many cases and widespread, and in some instances, Summit Resort and Club Orient for example, it was truly catastrophic.

Although the airport had significant damage, it was operating again a couple of days after the storm for emergency evacuation flights of foreigners and for shipments of emergency water supplies and food, which were also coming by ship to both sides of the island.

# 18. Evacuations & Tons of Help

Since the airport was temporarily out of commission and the infrastructure of the island was unable to care for tourists, they had to be evacuated. It was no mean feat making that happen with no electricity, no TV, no radio, and poor to nonexistent cellular communications.

At timeshare resorts, Dutch Marines fanned out to coordinate everything.

Timeshare owners and hotel guests were told that charter airplanes and US C-130 transports were being brought in to take tourists either home or to San Juan, from which they could get flights home.

Most evacuees had to wait on the tarmac which was hot and uncomfortable. But nobody truly minded since they were getting back to showers, food, clothing, etc.

On the C-130s they could only take one bag and had to sign a promissory note saying they would pay the cost of the transport when billed.

In an uncountable number of cases, tourists stranded across the island used social media to get help from others acting as intermediaries between evacuees and the Dutch Marines.

Meanwhile, after having canceled some cruises because of the massive storm, Royal Caribbean sent fully stocked ships to St. Maarten both to bring food and water to locals and tourists and to evacuate tourists to the US.

Corporate heroism helped thousands across the island.

# 19. Status of Hotels, Timeshares

Throughout the storm and in its aftermath, our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u> went into storm mode, vetting all information posts and eliminating clutter to enable readers to find urgently sought information as quickly and easily as possible.

The Facebook site was customarily used by tourists to ask questions and get answers about the island, share pictures, share experiences, etc. But in storm mode, it became an instant portal for information on shelters, emergency numbers, the status of people and some businesses well-known to tourists, timeshare resort information, beach information, where to get food and water, and lots of information about evacuations.

The site became totally focused on getting essential things done and never diverted from that objective. Ultimately, we were also being called upon by the global press seeking information and learning how to get to the island and manage planning for storm coverage.

As recovery proceeds, we'll continue to report details and we'll transition at a reasonable pace back to our main mission as a fun portal for the island created by tourists, for tourists.

Our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u> has a Files section with tons of constantly updated information. For the latest data on the status of hotels and timeshare resorts — many of which are closing for repair for several weeks at least, and in some cases many months -- go to our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u> and click the file named hotel and timeshare status update.

# 20. Vetting Charities: How You Can Help

Our <u>Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</u> also includes information in a pinned post about a charity we strongly recommend. It's a Go Fund Me page set up by Diane Smith of the Random Wind tour boat.

We will also be adding other charities which will benefit the many homeless employees of a number of the island's most popular and well-known hotels.

# 21. What Happens Next

The island right now is dealing with numerous humanitarian issues — helping people whose homes were destroyed and who need food and water.

At the same time, Armed Forces of both Holland and France are on the island in growing numbers in a massive island cleanup. As that progresses, corps of emergency personnel and insurance adjusters will be making sure that buildings are structurally sound before allowing anyone to return to them.

Tourism is the lifeblood of the island economy. Restoring the ability of the island to survive financially is its number two objective beyond humanitarian efforts.

A number of restaurants are already planning to reopen as soon as the current curfew was lifted — within the next couple of weeks. We expect to list these restaurants on our <a href="Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site">Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site</a>. We already list closings of timeshare resorts and hotels for repairs, as noted earlier, though it's too early for most to know when they will reopen. Simpson Bay is quickly mobilizing and has said publicly that it it expects to be the first large timeshare operation to reopen.

As always, we will keep you well posted on this both through SXM Weekly News and through our Everything St. Maarten Facebook site.

# 22. When Will The Airport Reopen?

SXM Airport is already open for charter evacuation flights and to bring home island residents who are overseas.

If you have reservations between now and the end of December, we strongly suggest you contact your airline and your resort to determine whether you will have accommodations and flights. It will be at least several weeks, if not longer, before the island is able to open its doors again to tourists — it will be in heavy recovery mode for some time.

Residents who have been overseas are generally getting to the island now by flying to Guadeloupe and then shuttling to the Esperance airport in Grand Case.

If you need to cancel flight reservations, contact your airline. They should be willing to reschedule your flights for a later date without change fees.

# 23. When Will Tourism Resume?

With a mountain of work in front of them, insurance adjusters haven't really begun to assess the damage to the island, let alone determine what can be paid and when. That will happen quickly, followed by an army of carpenters, electricians, and other skilled craftsmen to make all necessary repairs.

At this point, no one can estimate when tourism can resume, though many people are suggesting next January. Not all resorts will open then, but many restaurants are expected to be open and fully functional.

As we mentioned, we will stay on top of all of this for you and report on it here in SXM Weekly News as well as in our Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site.

# 24. 300+ SXM Discounts in Our "Dog Days" Sale, *Ending* Soon

Please Help Us

Keep St. Maarten / St. Martin News Coming
While We Give You

300+ SXM Discounts & Other Benefits

In Our First Ever "Dog Days" Sale, *Ending Soon*:

<u>Hundreds of St. Maarten / St. Martin Discounts</u>
<u>& Other Benefits at Great Prices:</u>

New JMB memberships: Three years, \$89; Five years, \$109; One year, \$39 <a href="http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/about\_sxm/paypal.shtml">http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/about\_sxm/paypal.shtml</a>

Renewal JMB memberships: Four years, just \$89; three years, \$69; one year, \$34

www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the Membership Renewal Center

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

http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml

# 25. 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 or by phone at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only)...forward your approval letter from SkyMed to 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.

# 26. 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 <a href="MB Website Supporters">JMB Website Supporters</a> 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.

# 27. 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 <a href="www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a> 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 <a href="www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a>. Email <a href="mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com">jeff.berger@skymed.com</a>.

# 28. 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 <a href="mailto:Jeff@JMBcommunications.com">Jeff@JMBcommunications.com</a> 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.

# 29. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants

Resumes in a few weeks.

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 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....

# 30. 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 <a href="www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a>. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters at the beginning of this section.

# Your Business Deserves a Marketing-Centric, Customer-Focused Website That Works.

# That's what we do:

www.websitesthatworkusa.com

In business since the web began --

a unit of JMB Communications.

# 31. Restaurant of the Week:

Resumes in several weeks.

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, 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 and click the page curl for more info.

Celine Too Motor Yacht, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17)

Big Fish Restaurant <a href="https://www.bigfishsxm.com/">www.bigfishsxm.com/</a> (featured 5/1/17)

IZI Ristorante Italiano, <u>www.iziristoranteitaliano.com</u> (featured 3/6/17)

Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17)

Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/29/17)

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, <a href="http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/">http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/</a> (featured 7/17/17)

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)

Daniel's By The Sea, <a href="https://www.dawnbeachsxm.com">www.dawnbeachsxm.com</a> (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**, <u>www.spiga-sxm.com</u> (featured 5/21/17)

The Boathouse, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777">https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777</a> 10/3/16

The Hideaway, <a href="http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html">http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html</a> (featured 10/31/16)

Stone Restaurant, <u>www.thestonerestaurant.com</u> (featured 9/2/14)

Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17)

**Le Pressoir**, <a href="http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com">http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com</a> (featured 7/6/15) Temptation, <a href="http://www.temptation-sxm.com/">http://www.temptation-sxm.com/</a> (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 <a href="http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com">http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com</a> (featured 6/26/17)

Island Pizza, <a href="http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com">http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com</a> (featured 6/19/17)

Pineapple Pete, <a href="www.pineapplepete.com">www.pineapplepete.com</a> (featured 7/31/17)

Papagayo, <a href="http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php">http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php</a> (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 6/12/17)

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 8/21/17, Eclipse Day)

**Topper's** <a href="http://www.sxmtoppers.com/">http://www.sxmtoppers.com/</a> (featured 2/27/17)

Taloula Mango <a href="http://www.taloulamango.com/">http://www.taloulamango.com/</a> (featured 4/20/15)

Bylbos, Simpson Bay

Sushiitto Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm">https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm</a> (featured 2/13/17)

# 32. 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://everythingsxm.com/sxm/getting here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml

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

Look here for our PDF archives: <a href="http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/free\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml">http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/free\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml</a>. Most issues for the past few years are now online.

# 34. 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: <a href="https://www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a>
- -- 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. <u>SkyMed is your free ticket home</u> 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 <u>payable in cash in advance</u> 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 <a href="mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com">jeff.berger@skymed.com</a> 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 <a href="www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a> or email Jeff at <a href="jeff.berger@skymed.com">jeff.berger@skymed.com</a> (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 <a href="here">here</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com">Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com</a>. He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. To see <a href="mailto:online frequently asked questions">online frequently asked questions</a>, go here. You can also see his SkyMed site at <a href="https://www.GetSkyMed.com">www.GetSkyMed.com</a>.

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://everythingsxm.com/sxm/about\_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal JMB memberships: Five years, \$109. Other durations available.

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JMB Membership Reinstatements: Five years, \$109. Other durations available.

http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/reinstate/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 <a href="www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a>, 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 <a href="Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com">Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com</a>. 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.

# Get The Current Low Price on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership 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.

# 35. ... 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.

# Email Jeff now: jeff.berger@skymed.com

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\*When applying at <a href="www.getskymed.com">www.getskymed.com</a>, 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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