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

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### **SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:**

Rental listings here have been temporarily suspended; many rentals are on our site, as always.

### **SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:**

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### **Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:**

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## THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

## 1. SXM Airport Reopens Tomorrow 10/10

As we reported in last week's Double Issue, SXM Airport reopens tomorrow, October 10. But don't expect things to be anywhere near "normal."

The roof at Princess Juliana / SXM International Airport was compromised, enabling wind and rain to enter the building and cause serious damage.

The airport will go ahead with a limited, partial reopening tomorrow. Normal flight schedules won't resume until the number of available resort and timeshare rooms on the island changes significantly -- and that will happen gradually over coming months.

For the airport to open and meet international passenger flight safety/security requirements, the airport's security fence must first be installed. Nighttime operation requires runway lighting which had been knocked out by Irma. Even the control tower had to be fixed; that's essentially finished.

We'll keep you posted here and on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) as the airport ramps up service; that's the fastest way to get this important data to most of our members and readers.

More to come....

## 2. AA Offers \$99 One Way Fare from Miami to SXM

This fare is not intended for tourists. It's focused on the need to return island residents to their homes, so they can get their lives back in order. It's also for people deeply involved in the rebuilding effort.

As we've noted here before, the island is not yet ready for tourists: it's in heavy rebuilding mode. It's expected to move closer to its normal self starting perhaps during December.

This special American Airlines fare is only for flights during the next few weeks.

## 3. Tropical Weather Outlook for the Next Seven Weeks

The Cape Verde hurricane season — which usually spawns the most serious hurricanes faced by SXM — has started to ebb, though it's not yet over. Hurricane season ends 11/30 but it's instructive to recall that storms can and do form and affect the northeastern Caribbean beyond then.

This season has been unusually busy and there's no reason to expect that to stop. It may slow a bit -- but not altogether.

For updates on tropical weather around-the-clock, visit our primary site, [EverythingSXM.com](http://EverythingSXM.com) and click Weather; that takes you to our Weather Center. There, you'll find current satellite images, watches, warnings, advisories, and much more.

When anything significant happens that could impact SXM or neighboring islands, we'll post that information at once on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

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

Major updates to the Weather section of our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website were completed over the last few weeks.

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, plus new track models. .

You can access all this information free, as always: just go to [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.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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#### 5. Four Sources of Current SXM Weather Info (Revised 10/8)

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. They were knocked off the air by Irma but are now back.

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

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

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

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

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

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### ***SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc.***

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## **7. SXM T/Share Rentals for 2018 Available from Owners**

If you're tentatively planning to visit SXM this winter, do check out our listing of timeshare rentals available for 2018. Of course, there's a notice at the top of the page concerning the availability of such weeks at island timeshare resorts.

This week, we will begin to accept ads from our JMB Website Supporters members who own villas on the island and wish to rent their private villas to tourists. We'll be detailing this program in a special message to our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program members this week, which is when we'll also be updating our ad input form so it can be used for both private villa rentals and timeshare rentals.

As is the case with timeshare ads, JMB will accept advertising only from members of JMB Website Supporters. To join JMB, please click the page curl on all pages of everythingSXM.com — that's where you'll find membership options including information on our US military memberships.

We look forward to the imminent implementation of this program, which will deliver new benefits for our JMB Website Supporters members and new rental options for our readers.

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**It's Not Too Early  
To Start Planning  
Your Next SXM Trip.**

**Let Us Give You  
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**See an important story about Sapphire Beach Resort in our main island news area, Section 4.**

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

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**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 as we continue to roll out entirely new discounts and benefits.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#).

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

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### **What If...**

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

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**You'll see exactly what SkyMed did for them and how it works. Coverage is available worldwide....**

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### **Questions?**

**Call Jeff on the SkyMed line, 508-747-8281 during normal business hours, Eastern Time.**

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## **9. Sapphire Issues Optimistic Update**

This is from Sapphire Beach Resort, via Mindy Squeo:

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Email: [prioritylist@sbcwi.com](mailto:prioritylist@sbcwi.com)

Toll free numbers: 1 855 666 7117 (USA) – 0805 088 991 (France)

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The North Eastern Caribbean islands have been affected by the major hurricane Irma on the first week of September including Saint Martin/Sint Maarten. The strength of this occurrence was highly unusual since the last event of a similar magnitude observed in this area was in 1928 according to available information.

On both the Dutch and French sides of the island winds have caused damages, to various levels, to public infrastructures and private properties.

All of the Sapphire Team Members and their families are safe after hurricane Irma.

An incredible number of kind emails and messages have been received from Owners and Sapphire Friends from many countries, for which the whole Sapphire Team is sincerely grateful.

The Dutch and French Authorities have deployed a large scale operation, consisting of military, gendarmes, civil security, planes, helicopters, Navy vessels, equipment, telecommunication, desalination, medical facilities, technicians and engineers as well.

His Majesty Willem-Alexander, King of the Netherlands and Mr Emmanuel Macron, President of France, have visited Sint Maarten and Saint Martin respectively, promptly after the hurricane, providing compassion, moral support and assistance to both the local population and to the Authorities.

As a result, for the time being, a considerable part of the public areas have already been cleaned and debris removed. Water, power, telephone and Internet have been totally or partially reconnected in the main areas as well. Please note that those services have not as yet stabilized and may be interrupted from time to time.

Public services are planned to be restored promptly, and already, substantial budgets have been announced to be prepared for that purpose, and are planned to be made available to the relevant Authorities.

The French side are presently open to commercial flights at Grand Case airport since a few days already, principally for flights from and to Guadeloupe.

Juliana airport on the Dutch side have announced to be open for commercial flights from October 10th, KLM shall land its first flight on the October 29th.

The first cruise ship is expected to reach Sint Maarten port on November 11th 2017.

Insurance companies have sent adjusters, and the process of evaluation of the damages is in progress. Every business will engage in efforts to be ready as soon as reasonably possible.

*The damages at Sapphire are diverse and may include in certain units: sliding doors, partition walls, electricity, painting, and electrical appliances... as it is usually the case when powerful winds are affecting buildings.*

*The essential advantage of Sapphire is that it has been built of reinforced concrete poured on site, which grants excellent strength and durability to the structures. (Emphasis added by SXM Weekly News.-Ed)*

Since 1995 the Sapphire Team have been exposed to weather issues and is knowledgeable of the recovery process having went through category 4 hurricanes Luis and Lenny, other similar occurrences of lesser magnitude and as well as various other tropical depressions.

Prior to repair works, the preliminary cleaning is ongoing throughout the whole property and shall be finished by the end of the first week of October. Suppliers have been approached for the replacement of certain materials and equipment. Teams are being organized to initiate works as soon as the first containers of construction materials began to reach the island shortly.

Telephone, water and electricity are now connected at Sapphire.

During the period when communication (telephone fax and Internet) were not available or very limited, answers were brought as much as possible to emails and messages received from Owners, using various alternative services when possible.

Internet is back at Sapphire in most offices since this morning, a review of all emails and messages will be performed promptly to be sure that each Owner receives a response.

For Owners in Good Standing that were planning a visit to Sapphire in the coming weeks, In-house exchanges will be granted free of charge, please send your requests preferably by email to Jeanine [jdavoren@sbcwi.com](mailto:jdavoren@sbcwi.com) or Irona [icanageiter@sbcwi.com](mailto:icanageiter@sbcwi.com)

Those Owners can also proceed to exchange with:

- RCI (website: [www.rci.com](http://www.rci.com), telephone: +1 317 805 8000 )
- Interval International (website: [www.intervalinternational.com](http://www.intervalinternational.com), telephone: +1 877 437 4783 )

Please note that all Bonus Weeks attributed prior to the hurricane are valid, based on availability. If needed Internal exchanges will be issued at no costs.

*For the time being, please do not anticipate to visit Sapphire before the end of November. Sapphire Team objective is to proceed to reopening as soon as reasonably feasible. Further information will be communicated in the coming two weeks, with a preliminary overview of the planning of the repair works and the phases of reopening.*

The whole Sapphire Team wants to thank you again for your kind attention and support, and will be pleased to welcome you back at the occasion of your future visit to Sint Maarten.

This message from maintfees@sbcwi.com

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Sapphire Beach Club  
147 Lowlands, Cupecoy Sapphire Beach Club  
Sint Maarten, AN , Netherlands Antilles

(End quoted material)

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## 10. "Perch" Coming Back Quickly to Club Orient

Although hurricane Irma was very harsh in her treatment of naturist resort Club Orient on Orient beach, which was pretty much destroyed by the storm, the resort has announced plans that it will be back better and stronger than ever — and it is already working in that direction.

Its very popular Perch bar, located near the southern end of the resort property near what is left of Pedro's, is being re-created in a temporary format which should be ready for customers in the not-too-distant future. We'll keep you posted.

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## 11. Two Chronologies of What Irma Did To SXM

Ever since hurricane Irma grabbed SXM by the throat a bit over a month ago and shook the living daylights out of the island, we've been chronicling what happened both here in *SXM Weekly News* and through thousands of visitors on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

There, you'll find thousands of posts added to the site throughout September along with hundreds of Irma photographs and videos.

Here in *SXM Weekly News*, we've published narratives from Survivors as well as their own recorded words about their experience. More of that will be coming. See past issues in our [SXM Weekly News PDF Archives](#). The most recent issues are being added to the Archives today (Monday).

If you check both of these key, detailed sources, you'll get a much sharper vision of what exactly happened when Irma hit. Bear in mind that every survivor agrees: if you weren't there you can't possibly imagine what really happened.

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## 12. French Side Restaurants With Beach Terraces In Trouble...

Now there's a new complication for beach side restaurants across the French side of the island: they may not be able to rebuild.

That's the bottom line we're seeing from the French side.

For years, there has been an unenforced regulation that required beach side restaurants to have no terraces over any beach less than 50 paces from the water. Many Grand Case restaurants have ignored that provision for years, during which government ignored them.

It has happened not only in Grand Case, but also elsewhere across the island — for example, on beaches in Sandy ground, in Marigot, in oyster pond, etc.

There is a way around this, of course. Businesses with an AOT — which is vaguely similar to US incorporations — need not toe the mark, as we understand it. But all others must adhere to the regulation.

We don't know what effect enforcing this regulation will have on the dozens of restaurants that currently ignore it. Appearances suggest that they must buy an AOT or forget about rebuilding as they were before Irma struck. The latter choice would be ruinous to the French side economy especially as it relates to Grand Case.

We also don't know what impact this could possibly have on all of the restaurants on Orient beach. That area is arguably the busiest part of the entire French side during high season. If somehow those businesses aren't able to rebuild, dozens of jobs could be lost in the economy would suffer greatly even beyond the French side borders.

Why is the French Side government doing this? The sale of lots of AOTs would bring in lots of revenue; that appears to be why.

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## 13. Cautions About Swimming

Although most beaches on both sides of the island have now been reopened to swimming, it's not business as usual on the beaches.

For one thing, services on all beaches are severely limited, if any are available at all. The island remains in recovery/rebuilding mode.

Second, during the hurricane, thousands of buildings were ripped apart and their pieces scattered across a wide area — beaches included. Although much of the material scattered on beaches has been collected and disposed of, nonetheless small pieces of debris may remain. In the unlikely event that you will be on the island before December, we urge you to be sure to wear footwear suitable for use both on beaches and in water where you may encounter foreign objects.

For reasons we won't go into it is critically important that you get yourself to a hospital if you happen to be wearing sneakers in the water and they are pierced by a sharp foreign object which impacts your foot. That would not be a good thing.

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## 14. Island Curfew Lifted

Shortly after the curfew was limited to the period from midnight to 5 a.m. last week, it was lifted on both sides of the island, drawing an all but audible sigh of relief from the island's many nighttime-focused businesses. Although in September and October many businesses normally go on their seasonal closing, owners of many already have returned to the island or will soon to assess damages and launch rebuilding.

As we promised since the day Irma hit, we'll keep you posted on all these efforts here in *SXM Weekly News* and on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

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## 15. JMB Introduces Listings of Private Rentals

Effective later this week, our parent company, JMB Communications, which also owns everythingSXM.com, will introduce private villa rentals to our timeshare rentals page on the site. Listings will be invited exclusively from JMB Website Supporters members for villas they own on the island.

Once we have modified the ad input form on our JMB members-only secret website, we'll let JMB members know

the input form is ready to take their villa for rent advertising — and we'll follow up by posting its web address both on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) and here, in next week's issue of *SXM Weekly News*. We're quite delighted to give this additional benefit/marketing opportunity to our JMB members while enhancing the rental options offered by our site to all SXM tourists.

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## 16. Clear Roads - With a Side of Flat Tires

Virtually all main roads in SXM are clear now, as are many secondary roads.

Unfortunately, when Irma blew apart many structures, she left pieces of debris including nails and other shrapnel all over the place, including on roads.

In the crunch to clean the island's roads as quickly as possible, it wasn't practical to examine every square centimeter of roadway to be sure no residual debris was left there. Consequently, in the days following the reopening of island roads to vehicular traffic, a number of people wound up with flat tires. As time goes on, this will become increasingly less common.

We can picture a souvenir shop selling souvenir shrapnel in framed enclosures....

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## 17. Dutch Marines Guard Entrance to Divi Resort

Staying in condos at Simpson Bay Resort, there are hundreds of Marines, other aid and rebuilding personnel, and some Simpson Bay resort employees whose own homes are uninhabitable due to the aftermath of hurricane Irma. The resort's restaurants, we hear, are open and accepting many hungry guests — both private citizens and Dutch Marines.

There are also many Marines housed at Divi Little Bay Resort but there, for whatever reason, there is a Marine sentry at the beginning of the hotel access road preventing entry by anyone the military considers inappropriate. The beach at Divi is a public beach open to everyone but apparently right now, it isn't.

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## 18. La Patrona is Open & Busy

Opened almost a year ago at Simpson Bay Resort, La Patrona Restaurant is the only truly authentic Mexican-owned, Mexican-operated restaurant on the island. All other so-called Mexican restaurants on SXM are TexMex. Go here, and you'll find a huge difference.

Although La Patrona and dozens of other recently reopened SXM restaurants are serving to a lot of hungry people, most don't have your usual complement of menu items. Those are coming back but it may take a bit of time since many restaurants have equipment on order to replace that which was damaged or destroyed by Irma.

We'll continue to keep you posted.

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## 19. We Need Your Help

Everyone,

Hurricane Irma's impact on SXM proved just how critically important *accurate* communications can be in emergencies.

As Irma approached, we went into 24 hour news mode to make sure all the latest local SXM hurricane watches &

warnings got to all our readers -- everywhere.

Hurricane expert Rob Lightbown of Crown Weather sent urgent warning messages directly to our readers in seconds through our *Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site*.

All of us -- paid staff on phones and computers in our home office in Massachusetts and global volunteers -- worked hard answering thousands of questions from people living in SXM, tourists stranded there, and relatives trying to find, rescue, and evacuate people stuck in SXM. In fact, in 28 days since Irma hit, we have had over 3,000 posts, over 40,000 comments and over 165,000 reactions... on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

Our *SXM Weekly News* continues to bring you carefully researched, accurate information on the cleanup, recovery, rebuilding, and reopening of SXM to tourists.

Our *Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site* continues to bring you instantaneous news around the clock.

Of course, our [everythingxsm.com](#) site continues to deliver lots of island information as we all look forward to SXM Airport reopening the entire island to tourism in the not too distant future; *SXM Weekly News* will bring that info to you as it happens.

We do not do rumors.

The Weather Center on our [everythingxsm.com](#) site will gear up Thursday and Friday so it's ready to report everything about new Tropical Storm Nate, heading toward the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf coast as an intensifying hurricane.

We also have a "Summertime" SXM vacation giveaway underway now and we plan to launch another early in 2018 as visits to [everythingxsm.com](#) begin to approach an astonishing 5.5 million.

***Our only source of revenue for all our "everything SXM" work is your membership in our "JMB Website Supporters" SXM Island Discount Program and your purchases of SkyMed emergency medical evacuation memberships through us at [getskymed.com](#). Please see story #30; our Dog Days membership sale ends October 15 and offers great prices on 300 SXM discounts available only from us.***

**Please help keep us going.** More than ever, right now we need you to join JMB while we offer significant savings on Website Supporters memberships, renewals, and reinstatements.

**Everything we're doing re: SXM comes at a cost and we need your membership right now to keep the lights on.** In return, you'll become a JMB member and reap significant savings when you return to SXM a few months from now: and we'll be there to help, as we have been since 1992 -- this is our 25th year.

Join, renew, or reinstate your JMB membership now by visiting [everythingxsm.com](#) and clicking the page curl at the top of the home page. Our Dog Days sale is on so the price points are something you'll really like.

**The vast majority of our readers are going to SXM in 2018 -- but regardless of where you go to warm up this winter, please take SkyMed "Takes You Home"® medical evacuation protection with you. Learn more about it at [getskymed.com](#). For answers to all your SkyMed questions, call Jeff during regular business hours (EDT) at 508-747-8281 or email him at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). (SkyMed calls only please)**

As always, thanks for reading this and thanks very much for your ongoing support.

-- Jeff Berger

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## 20. Ron Zenaro Offers New SXM Bracelets

From Ron & Carol Zenaro:

While continuing our efforts to help Lazarex cancer patients, Carol is also now making bracelets to benefit those we know and love on St. Maarten affected by Hurricane Irma. Please help us raise money for friends and family in St. Maarten trying to recover from the hurricane including the hard working employees of The Royal Palm Beach Resort who have lost everything.

Please consider making a donation of \$20 or more for a beautiful handcrafted bracelet that you may wear or gift as a reminder of our less fortunate Caribbean friends.

As always, proceeds go directly to those affected. That means we pay for all material, we cover all labor, and we will personally deliver the funds... So, 100% of your money goes directly to those in need.

Please contact us at [zenarocarol@gmail.com](mailto:zenarocarol@gmail.com) or call 508-845-1538 for more information.

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## 21. Why Air Conditioning Repairs are Taking So Long

First it was Harvey hitting hot-climate South Texas, then it was Irma hitting the Caribbean and Florida, then it was Maria laying waste to Puerto Rico and other islands. All of these areas use air-conditioning units by the tens of thousands. Consequently, emergency calls for parts have exhausted the supplies in most depots. Air-conditioning factories are not used to extraordinarily heavy demand at this time of year but many of them are now working overtime to help meet that demand.

If you own property in SXM, Florida, or Texas and are looking for air conditioning parts, don't expect them quickly; now you know why.

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## 22. Island Residents Relishing Restaurants' Hot Dinners

It was only a few days ago that the island curfew was extended to 8 PM — and a few days later, to midnight.

Now it has disappeared altogether, enabling people who have not had the opportunity for a relaxing evening out to get out and enjoy themselves for once. Menus continue to be limited at many restaurants but that is already starting to change. Overall, it's a very welcome relief across the island.

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## 23. What If?

### 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](http://www.getskymed.com)***

***You'll see exactly what SkyMed did for them and how it works. Coverage is available worldwide....***

**Get SkyMed protection before you need it  
-- just like fire insurance.**

**Questions?**

**Call Jeff on the SkyMed line,  
508-747-8281 during  
normal business hours,  
Eastern Time.**

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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 Anywhere This Winter? "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 anywhere in January, February, or March?** 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. JMB Military Memberships: Four Years \$67.96 & Platinum

We reserve our best rates for US military. You can join our JMB Website Supporters discount program via a military membership or you can upgrade to military — your choice. Either way, the cost is just \$67.96 for four full years. See the details by clicking the page curl on our site, [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com).

As a military member, you are also instantly upgraded to Platinum Status — normally awarded only to members whose memberships expire more than eight years into the future. Your Platinum Status begins as soon as your military enrollment occurs and is permanent, irrespective of how many years in the future your military membership expires. All you need for documentation is your DD 214.

Do it today and tell your SXM tourist friends — it's our lowest rate.

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## 28. 300+ SXM Discounts Are Yours in Our "Dog Days" Sale, Ending 10/15

Our Dog Days membership sale Ends on October 15. It's your best opportunity to obtain 300 discounts on virtually everything you do during your island vacation.

When we return to the island later this year, will be meeting with many of our discount partners and will keep you posted on when they will reopen, if they aren't back already by that time. We also expect to be adding many new partners for the winter season.

Stay tuned — and definitely plan on being in SXM this winter. As we set elsewhere in this issue, we expect many timeshares to the open ahead of schedule on a staggered basis.

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## 29. 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.

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

## 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 [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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### 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 has been deferred until January, 2018.

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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**That's a 10-year price guarantee.**  
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Ask Jeff for details -- see preceding article, or call him at (508) 747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, regular hours EDT.)

**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) or Call 508-747-8281**

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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.

**35. Restaurant of the Week, Past Restaurants Features Return In November**

We had suspended these two very popular features shortly after Irma struck the island. Now that many restaurants have reopened and others are preparing to do so, we will be reintroducing both features early in November. They'll give you great insight into many of the island's best restaurants, both past and present.

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

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

**Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated**

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) .

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