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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 and features them here.

To rent out or sell timeshares you own in SXM or anywhere else worldwide, for no ad charge or commission, join JMB Website Supporters. Visit http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml for info. Membership now delivers a growing list of about 300 St. Maarten and St. Martin-focused travel benefits -- and your membership subscription helps keep these weekly SXM newsletters coming.

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:

SALE 1/6/2018 1/13/2018 Week 1 Sapphire Beach Club Deluxe one (1) bedroom/two (2) bath 4th Floor unit with expansive double balcony (with Jacuzzi, table/chairs, lounge chairs) Sleeps 4 with large bedroom and pullout sofa in living room (with divider for privacy), Beautiful ocean/sunset views. Just refurbished with new appliances (full refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher, 2 flat screen TV's/dvd. Sapphire is located on beach with two pools (one large/one small), restaurant/bar, fitness center, market. Bonus week every 5th year. \$1,000 with purchaser paying transfer fee Michael 239-571-5671 mhverde@icloud.com Note from JMB: Alternative occupancy dates for 2018 may be necessary.

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

See them all at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

Villa Rentals Now Offered On Our Site Too:

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW): [Click to access our recommended real estate agents.](#)

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www.linkedin.com

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- C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads: Links are on the Secret Website (see a, above.)

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How To Get a **GROWING LIST of 300+** Money-Saving St. Maarten- and St. Martin-Focused Travel Benefits

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

Stories are numbered; scroll down for stories of interest.

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

1. SXM Airport Serving You From a Departure Tent

SXM Airport suffered millions of dollars in damages to its roof and internal systems from hurricane Irma.

The airport is currently open. Arrivals are being processed through a tent outside the main terminal building. Departures are being processed in a section of the terminal building which normally does not accommodate passengers.

All of this will be readily apparent should you visit SXM during the next few months. Work is proceeding on repairs to the inside of the building; when we know about its projected reopening, we'll pass along that information.

As previously reported here, SXM has been working on preclearance in SXM for passengers bound for the US. We do not know what effect the current repairs / rebuilding efforts may have on the projected launch of preclearance at SXM Airport.

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

Major updates to the Weather section of our 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 everythingxsm.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 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. 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, 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 -- 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. 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.*

4. ***Guaranteed Lowest Rates*** for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Around The World

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*.

What it Is - How to Join (free for Our Readers & JMB Members):

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.

5. Our New Private Villas for Rent Page is Live

We recently announced that we were launching a new page on our everythingSXM.com website featuring villas for rent on the island, which presents you with a great alternative to come to the island if your timeshare is not yet available.

The page offers three types of listings of villas: first, villas we have long recommended on the island; second, our top recommended sources of SXM villa accommodations; and third, villas for rent that are owned by our JMB Website Supporters members. Many listings are already posted in the first two sections. We expect to start posting listings in the third section very soon.

The location of the new page is [here](#).

JMB members: we're posting the input page for submitting villa rentals today (Monday). To place an ad for a villa you own on SXM, go to our members-only secret website and click Submit an Ad. You'll find the link to our new form for Villa Ad Submissions clearly shown on the input form for timeshare ads that you've been using for years (effective by Monday afternoon).

6. SXM Timeshare Condos for Rent for 2018 Available on Our Site

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.

7. JMB Members: You Can Now Submit 2019 SXM Timeshare Rentals to Our Site

Normally we don't open our site to timeshare rentals for the following year until March of the current year. We did that late in March, 2017, for 2018.

But Irma saw to it that this is not a "normal" year. We know many thousands of people who normally rent weeks through our "Timeshare Condos for Rent" page on everythingSXM.com are already looking forward to 2019. So, effective Monday, October 30, we will accept ads for [2019 SXM timeshares for rent](#) from our JMB Website Supporters members. Just log in ton the "Secret" website and click Submit an Ad. It's ready to go... (SXM Timeshare condo rental or sale ads only.)

[Not a JMB member? Our JMB membership sale must end 11/1 -- see the beginning of Section 4 and sign up now.](#)

8. Bel Air Beach Resort To Open March 1, 2018

Probably the best news that St. Maarten timeshare owners have heard over the last couple of months is from Bel Air beach resort on the Dutch side.

That resort, located on Little Bay outside of Philipsburg, will reopen March 1, making it the first SXM timeshare to reopen after completing repairs from Irma.

We're quite sure this won't be the last good news to come out of Bel Air beach. Will be passing along more about Bel Air during the next several weeks.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

9. "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](#).

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

**Get About 300 SXM Discounts
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JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program**

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

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

10. Above All Else, Think Now of SXM As a Person...

Each of us at some point goes through periods that are dramatic, poignant, traumatic, and life-changing. As those events happen, we are forever changed. Not necessarily worse. Not necessarily better. But forever changed....

Irma was precisely such a catastrophic, cataclysmic, life-changing event. The second most powerful tropical cyclone in recorded world history, it delivered a beating so severe that it was the equivalent of an E5 tornado lasting several hours.

Worse, it brought with it an enormous storm surge that many likened to a tidal wave -- and on top of that surge were pounding waves that destroyed whatever was in their path. And then, of course, there was the rain.

On top of that, the storm brought sustained winds of an unimaginable 185 mph with gusts said by many to be well over 220 mph.

What happened on SXM was so far beyond imagination that few people who lived through the storm are even ready to talk about it. Many are still processing the literal terror they felt as those freight-train-sound winds tore apart everything. Most people feared they would never make it out alive.

The exact true fatality count on the French Side, locals tell us, appears to be unknown. Many people left ahead of the storm but many did not; the location of numbers of people who are "missing" is still not clear.

Reports of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder PTSD are everywhere. Some people react in fear when a stiff breeze or a heavy tropical shower occurs -- or a car backfires.

Literally, St. Maarten / St. Martin will never be the same. It can't be; too many people shared too many catastrophic experiences such as the loss of everything they owned. Businesses are suffering because few people have much ability to buy things: the tourist industry is recovering but slowly, and the terrible lack of tourists exerts a heavy toll everywhere.

The ripple effect is huge. Businesses selling to other businesses -- hotel laundry or linens, for example -- are selling practically nothing. Insurance payments are agonizingly slow, though many individuals and businesses are moving ahead to fix roofs and try to resume some sense of normalcy.

SXM has been affected terribly by Irma; the catastrophe is a shared experience of tens of thousands who lived through it and now are praying that this long national nightmare ends soon.

When you return, not all businesses will be here to greet you. Some are gone forever. Some people who you expected to see on the island have left; it is just so far beyond imagination that they'll do something else, somewhere else.

Life goes on.

Different? Absolutely. The vast majority of people you know and love from SXM are here, hoping to see you soon and preparing for your return. They have been through what for most will be the worst experience of their lives -- poignant, traumatic, terrifying, life-changing.

But life does go on...even though everyone who was here when Irma came wishes it were all just a bad dream.

11. What To Expect When You Return to SXM: Jeff

Sochrin

Last week Jeff Berger spoke with Jeff "Dr. Soc" Sochrin on air on Island 92 www.island92.com about what to expect upon returning to SXM. It was an enlightening conversation; listen here:

<http://pjl.streamon.fm/listen-pl-3423>

Jeff and Jeff speak every Monday morning between 945 - 1000 Atlantic Standard time (8:45 EST). Tune in....

12. 2018 Calendar Benefitting SXM Is Launched

You'll find all the details about this beautiful calendar -- and how the island benefits from all its 2017 sales -- in the "Files" area of our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

13. Reprise of Two SXM Bracelets...

a) SXM Strong Fundraiser by Jeff Jhangiani



Jeff Jhangiani of DK Gems is offering these beautiful new SXM STRONG bracelets in gratitude for your contribution of \$50.00 or more (additional bracelets available in increments of \$50.00). They are silver-tone 7mm exclusively.

At least 85% or more of your generous act will go directly and provide tangible, practical relief to those most severely impacted by Hurricane Irma.

Jeff and his associates are working with people on the ground in SXM, assessing what regions and people need assistance most critically and forming a process to move forward as rapidly as possible to assist.

Contributors will receive regular and timely updates on progress and the manner in which the monies are distributed

Listen, if even "most" of club members contribute...what a difference we can make together! It's a perfect way to help the island you love and the people who have your heart AND show your deep pride for all that SXM represents. Let's do this...time is now.

Payment can be made by check or PayPal (sorry, no credit cards).

Orders via email: dkgemsint@gmail.com (NO credit cards, checks or PayPal only)

PayPal: egisalpha@gmail.com

Email Jeff Jhangiani at the above addresses and he'll tell you where to mail your check. PayPal is faster. Delivery is included in the \$50 donation.

b) Bracelet Fundraiser for SXM by 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 or call 508-845-1538 for more information.

14. Marlin Cabinet Resigns, Dissolves Parliament

In case you missed our stories on this last week here in *SXM Weekly News*, see what [The Daily Herald](#) published.

This is not what many SXM residents want. They'd prefer a seamless transition to the new coalition and no months-long wait as new elections are scheduled (probably January) and winners vetted for integrity before they take office.

Yet Prime Minister William Marlin, who has done some things recently which resulted in harsh public criticisms, has called for parliament to be dissolved. In our opinion, this is a time for dynamic, forward-thinking leadership to help the thousands on the island who are still suffering the major after-effects of Irma -- not a time for political distractions.

It may not happen as he wishes, we're told. Stay tuned and be sure to check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) for breaking news about what's happening with the Dutch Side government.

See next story.

15. French Side Gets €140-million in Funding for Recovery

On the French Side, where recovery is moving at a snail's pace due to reasserted government regulations concerning seaside development, funding just took a mammoth step forward.

Here are [the details](#).

You'll find more about French Side rebuilding issues in recent past issues of *SXM Weekly News*. See our [SXM Weekly News PDF archives](#), due to be updated again today (Monday).

16. Restaurant News Roundup

For the most part we're not repeating anything here that we've published before, either here or on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). See the Files section of that site for lots of news.

Here's the latest:

-- La Villa Restaurant in Grand Case is now reopening.

-- Infinity Restaurant at Oyster Bay Beach Resort has reopened.

-- Dino Jagtiani's Temptation Restaurant in Cupecoy was destroyed by Irma, but we've heard from reliable industry sources that Dino will run the new Emilio's Restaurant at the Rainforest Adventures Theme Park. The park should open in about a month.

-- The Blue Bitch Bar at Taloula Mango's downtown in Philipsburg was destroyed and Taloula's was heavily damaged. We do not have reports on reopening there.

- Mario Bistro is open at Porto Cupecoy as previously reported.
- Vesna Taverna in Simpson Bay is open daily for breakfast and lunch, and Friday and Saturday for dinner. Vesna is off island for a short time following the passing of her dad after a long illness.
- Jimmy Goldman's "Little Bamboo" is reopening -- we've heard it's in bigger quarters now in Puerta del Sol, where Avantika is already open upstairs.
- Carousel, the big homemade Gelato emporium in Simpson Bay next door to Fedex, has reopened.

17. Traveling Anywhere for Thanksgiving? SkyMed Takes You Home®

No matter where you go, take SkyMed medical evacuation protection with you: SkyMed Takes You Home(R) to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Without SkyMed, that medevac trip home could easily cost you upwards of \$45,000 payable in cash, in advance. Why risk that?

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<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklyne.../SkyMedServices.pdf>

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<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2015SkyMedFAQ.pdf>

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Upgrade bonus applies only to SkyMed memberships bought from us.

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

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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.

19. 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 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](#).

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20. Still Time: 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, though for obvious reasons those dates are subject to change. 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

Dates for all vacations subject to change thanks to Irma....

21. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

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

22. Five Years Later, A Message in a Bottle from SXM Gets Read -- 3000 km Away

On a New Year's cruise off the waters of St. Maarten at the end of 2012, someone put a pen-written note in a whiskey bottle and threw it overboard.

Like many others who had thrown messages in bottles into the sea over the years, they likely figured they'd never hear about it again.

They were wrong, as they'll discover when --hopefully-- they read this story.

Mary Lynn saw a post in her Facebook timeline from Wyatt Webb, a friend who liked fishing in the coastal waters off Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi. Seems Wyatt saw something bobbing in the water and he retrieved it.

A small note inside the clear glass bottle was a bit smudged by water, but he could read clearly: "Happy New Year. 2012-2013 cruise St. Maarten. kusaxxx@hotmail.com."

It was found in the Chandeleur islands in the Gulf of Mexico south of Biloxi and well east of New Orleans.

Thanks to Mary Lynn, a photo of the bottle and the note are on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). We emailed two possible addresses for the bottle thrower, one of which was to a TV news department at KUSA in Colorado. We'll let you know what we hear.

We don't know if many bottles survive such long trips -- this one was almost 3,000 km -- particularly when they're glass bottles in hurricane-battered areas. We've made contact with Wyatt and will have more on this soon.

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