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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 1/5/2019 1/19/2019 Weeks 1 and 2 Villas at Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Luxurious Junior Suite featuring 2 full beds, small refrigerator, toaster, microwave, coffee maker, flat screen TV, DVD player, wireless internet, room safe, and a large tiled bathroom with separate dressing area. Enjoy the view from your private balcony overlooking beautiful Simpson Bay. Resort amenities are numerous; convenience store, spa, water sports, multiple pools, beach, casino, Red Piano, several restaurants and is within walking distance to so much more.
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SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 2/25/2018 3/4/2018 8 Simpson Bay One bedroom, with two single murphy beds. Sleeps 4. One bathroom. Water view. Directly across from the Peli Deli. Fully renovated. This week often coincides with regatta week. It did this year. \$11,500.00 Denise (513)582-9406 dcstanfa@gmail.com

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. New SXM Airport Arrival/Departure Tents Almost Finished

Officials at SXM Airport are saying that the large, new air-conditioned departure and arrival tents now under construction at the airport will be completed by the end of this month, and should be in operation soon after.

Although the airport is open, its main terminal is not; its roof was compromised during hurricane Irma. Only days after, hurricane Maria sideswiped the island on its way to Puerto Rico, dumping copious rainfall inside the terminal. The result was mold and other damage, necessitating much internal demolition which continues to be underway.

The new tents will expedite processing arriving and departing passengers and make the process more pleasant, the officials said. The tents are expected to be used until the main terminal reopens, which airport officials now say may happen as early of as the fourth quarter of this year.

2. Air France Returns to SXM

Air France has resumed weekly Saturday flights from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris to SXM Airport. Connections are available other days via Guadeloupe. Flight frequencies are expected to increase over time.

3. Spirit Cancels Some Spring Flights

Spirit Airlines early last week notified some passengers that their April flights had been canceled.

A number of St. Maarten timeshares and hotels will be reopening within the next two months with more coming online by April. In addition, several hundred villas are already back in the rental pool. Consequently, with approximately 1000+ additional rooms being added to the island's inventory by April, Spirit Airlines passengers were shocked when the airline told them it was canceling some April flights.

April is generally a busy month on the island, so the return of that much hotel and timeshare inventory means the economy could get a serious boost — assuming airlines use common sense and increase airlift. That's why Spirit's move defies logic; hurts and angers passengers; and hurts SXM.

We believe American Airlines could possibly increase its airlift from Miami sometime during April. That could be helpful; Spirit's move is not.

4. FLL, DCA Service To SXM on JB Possible

JetBlue Airways has previously announced that it intends to launch service to St. Maarten from Fort Lauderdale. The announcement came before hurricane Irma slammed the island, so at this point the timing of that service introduction is not certain.

JetBlue not long ago acquired a number of additional gates at Washington Reagan airport, DCA. We believe it will fly from there to SXM at some point, perhaps initially via the upcoming Fort Lauderdale gateway. We think nonstops are possible from DCA at some point in the future.

Southwest Airlines also expects to be serving SXM before very long, also from Fort Lauderdale and quite likely from BWI. Its service from BWI could set up a fare war with JetBlue, should JetBlue choose to fly nonstop to SXM from nearby DCA.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

5. For Some, Getting Fares Is Still an Issue

For a perhaps surprising number of people, getting accommodations in SXM is not an issue. Our timeshare rental and villa rental pages on our everythingSXM.com website supply detailed information on nailing down SXM accommodations. But getting reasonably priced, reasonably scheduled flights is much more of a challenge, passengers are saying.

For many, current airline schedules include slow connections which get them to the island more than 24 hours after they leave their departure airport. Ditto for flights home. Fairly strong demand does exist for flights to SXM and the size of the rental pool is surging. Hopefully before long airlines will realize this and put planes back in the air with promotion to fill them up.

The island also needs to get its act in gear (really for the first time ever) and start selling the destination, since it is in a highly competitive market and since the island needs selling, something the government has never bothered to do in a serious way. The Dutch Side is getting recovery money from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (and the French Side from France) *that needs to be spent not only on rebuilding the island structurally, but also strongly marketing it to prospective tourists*, millions of whom have no idea that the island really is ready for their return sooner rather than later.

6. Current SXM Weather Info

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. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page.
- 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.*

7. NOAA Updates Satellites; Weather Updates Coming to SXM Site

NOAA and the National Hurricane Center have updated the location of some of their satellites and in so doing, have screwed up a large number of weather websites, including ours. Those sites display current satellite images and loops which NOAA and the NHC provide. But since they have altered the web location of that data, links to important images sometimes don't work. It's a snafu of rather epochal proportions which thankfully is not happening during hurricane season.

We are updating a number of links in our Weather Center on everythingSXM.com, a task which we expect to finish in the next few days. That means any broken links you find there are about to disappear.

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown, head of Crown Weather, our go-to source for detailed tropical weather information all year long, was a bit critical of the NHC for providing less than ideal coverage of the critical area between the Caribbean islands and Africa. That's the area where many severe storms are born — storms such as Maria and Irma in 2017. Hopefully the NHC will resolve this problem before the start of hurricane season May 1.

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

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

9. La Vista Beach Resort Reopens

From Andrea Bartlett:

"We have opened La Vista Beach Resort, although our TV system is still down. We have also moved to open the restaurant for breakfast and lunch daily, with the exception of Mondays where we are closed.

"Within the next couple of weeks we will open for dinner on Thursday Friday and Saturday evenings. Eventually we will add Tuesday and Wednesday to that mix. We are still doing lots of repair work as you can imagine. Next in line to open are the cottages and building B, units 25-33. I just don't have a firm date yet."

10. St. Maarten Sea Palace Reopens

St. Maarten Sea Palace, the only timeshare in downtown Philipsburg, has reopened. Occupancy is limited to timeshare owners whose units were not damaged by Irma. Many repairs continue, the most important of which is roof replacement to be followed by repairs / renovations to damaged areas. For further info, please contact the resort.

11. Where to Find Resort Status Information

Our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#) has two very special items of interest to *SXM Weekly News* readers:

In the site's Files area, there are dozens of carefully researched pieces on items of importance to tourists. Two of the most important tell you the current status of hotels and timeshares — what's open, when some that are being renovated will be open, and which will never reopen. See that site for details.

Likewise, if you're looking for information on the status of restaurants on both sides of the island, you'll find an article on that also in our Files area. Both of these files are updated frequently, whenever we receive updated information.

12. SXM Villa Rentals

More have been added and hundreds of villas are now available. Fly with friends or extended family for outstanding

rates. See [our Villa page](#) for info.

13. SXM Timeshare Rentals

With several timeshare resorts coming back online — Sea Palace, Sapphire Beach Resort, and Atrium Resort, with others to follow -- timeshare owners are now posting units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on everythingSXM.com. Check it out.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

14. "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 some 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 months as we restart rolling out a number of entirely new discounts and benefits.

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

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

15. "Pearl of China" Revisited, But Still Questionable

Pearl of China is the name of a hotel originally proposed a few years ago for the undeveloped Western end of Little Bay. Billed by some government officials as the best thing to ever happen in St. Maarten other than the sun, the project was greeted rudely by many area residents and was highly criticized for being sprung on the country without public discourse.

The project consisted of a mammoth, unimaginatively designed behemoth structure with a remarkable resemblance to (and all the appeal of) a cinderblock. It consisted of over 700 units, mostly apartments but with some hotel rooms for people attending trade shows at a proposed exposition center that was part of the property.

Ultimately, the project as proposed collapsed. Nobody had bothered to research protective covenants for the property which stipulated the size of any development there. It turned out that the project was just too big. Some government officials thought out loud about relocating it to fragile Cupecoy beach, an island treasure; that, too, died quickly, as did a similar suggestion that the project be located at Mullet Bay.

It's important to understand that the apartments proposed in the original project were for Chinese businesspeople, not tourists, and that the hotel rooms were for tradeshow attendees, not tourists. The Trade shows, from what we could find, were actually Chinese business expositions touting Chinese products being sold by Chinese salespeople many of whom would apparently live in the apartments. The audience was people from throughout the hemisphere — not tourists.

Bottom line, as we understand it from people knowledgeable about the proposal, *the project was a commercial beachhead for the government of China and had nothing to do with tourism, the main driver of the island's economy.* "Pearl of China" never happened -- and many people thought they had heard the last of it.

They were wrong.

Now, Pearl of China has returned as a much smaller hotel near the western end of Little Bay, with a Las Vegas style exposition center near the Raul Illidge Sports Complex a short distance away. The hotel as proposed would have somewhere in excess of 200 rooms and no apartments, as of now.

Whether this will ever happen is anyone's guess, but the government still seems to like it. It may well be alone in its admiration.

Although an artist's conception published in the SXM *Daily Herald* newspaper was far more attractive than the prior cinderblock monolith — and apparently located slightly up level from the beach, which may be a bit safer in case of storm surge — there are still lots of problems, locals tell us.

For starters, the location has a sinkhole on it, some locals say. So putting a stable building there may be rather tricky. We do not know whether any land surveyors thoroughly tested the proposed worksite to ensure stability.

Second, locals also tell us that this shorefront area itself (western end of Little Bay) is known for vortexes which, they add, is why locals don't swim there. A hotel on a beach with unswimmable water does not sound to us like a smart idea.

It also appears that this project is no more tourist-oriented than its predecessor. This is not an island convention center that would appeal to tourists groups — rather, it is still a Chinese beachhead to promote Chinese business and Chinese products to potential buyers from this hemisphere. There is no clear relationship between the exposition center or the hotel and tourism. Previously envisioned on-site hospitality is likely to keep everyone associated with any part of this project within its confines, eating at internal restaurants and staying on the property. Its apparent contribution to the island economy: essentially zilch.

Also, we have seen no evidence that the Dutch Side government intends to require the developers to make infrastructure changes to accommodate the new traffic and added loads on public utilities that would be required by both the proposed hotel and the exposition center. Nor have we seen any indication that the government intends to take any steps in this direction on its own; it can't afford to. Bottom line, the project will sap utilities, create waste, burden infrastructure, and more — all negatives. At the same time, it will add traffic while doing nothing to reduce the project's serious impact on island roads, on a popular neighborhood for Philipsburg businesspeople, and on "the Hill," a key commuting road for people from Philipsburg working in Simpson Bay or at the airport or in Maho. It appears also likely to aggravate traffic woes related to both the Airport and Simpson Bay.

Unless the government can conclusively prove that this project is tourism oriented; that it will boost tourism; that is developers will pay for infrastructure improvements that will prevent negative impacts on all of the areas mentioned above; and that it will provide lasting permanent jobs by the hundreds for local people, rather than import Chinese labor — then the project should be vehemently opposed. All we've seen so far is that the government wants this to go through as is. As proposed, we think it's a bad idea.

16. Is Karma Catching Up With Ray Sidhom?

Ray Sidhom doesn't appear to be having a good time.

A few years ago, he bought out Caravanserai Beach Resort which at the time was in foreclosure. His first act was to throw out all timeshare owners, telling them their contracts were null and void.

A number of timeshare owners banded together and sued Sidhom, saying that what he was trying to do was against Antillean law. The Courts agreed, although the matter has been in litigation pretty much ever since. It appears at the moment that at some point, Sidhom, a billionaire who made his fortune in credit card processing through EVO Payments International in Melville, New York, may tire of all this, but so far he hasn't.

It gets worse for him. He also has taken Marty's pool bar, a tenant on his property, to court on many occasions to get them thrown out but the court has ruled in favor of Marty's every time. In fact, the court, in some people's opinions, appears not to be the least bit amused by what it seems to regard as specious litigation.

The court was also not amused recently when agents of Sidhom demolished with a bulldozer another of his tenant's properties which at the time of its demolition was in court litigating against Sidhom. There are also apparently huge US class-action court cases against Sidhom alleging that his EVO Payments International has been overcharging some of its customers.

The latest news is that a takeover of all of his businesses may be in the offing — whether he likes it or not.

Will keep watching this.

17. Time for South Florida Building Codes in SXM?

Although the Dutch side improved its building codes after hurricane Luis in 1995, our understanding of those codes is

that they aren't nearly as strong as building codes in South Florida. There, in the wake of hurricane Andrew, codes were seriously strengthened to prevent the kind of disaster from recurring.

We don't know whether it's practical or logical for SXM to adopt building codes like those of South Florida — but it does seem sensible. The island's economy depends on tourism, and the kind of multibillion-dollar damage that has been endured as a result of Irma on both sides of the island could perhaps be prevented from recurring if the rebuilding process required island businesses to adhere to stricter regulations. Of course, doing that would add cost to rebuilding, a burden which may be too much for island businesses trying to survive. It should certainly be explored, however.

More on Florida building codes is [here](#).

18. SkyMed "Double Bonus" Both Expanded & Extended

Under the SkyMed Double Bonus, we've been giving people who buy new SkyMed memberships through us -- duration one year or longer — and people who upgrade their current SkyMed memberships bought through us to longer memberships — a double bonus: we give them JMB Website Supporters membership extensions equal in length to what they had bought through us from SkyMed. In December, we also started giving \$25 gift certificates to these folks, good toward the purchase of a future JMB Website Supporters membership extension. That was our Double Bonus.

We originally were intending to end this promotion December 31 but instead we have expanded and extended it. Under the expansion, we now offer a triple bonus — including a new extra year of JMB membership in addition to what we already offered — again, for people who buy new SkyMed memberships through us with a duration of a year or more or who upgrade their current SkyMed memberships bought through us.

Bottom line, there has never been a better time to acquire SkyMed medical evacuation coverage through us. If you purchased a new SkyMed membership through us or upgraded your SkyMed membership through us in December, no worries: just send an email to Membership Services at support@JMBCcommunications.com using the Subject "Triple Bonus" and ask them to give you an extra week (you must forward your December confirmation letter from SkyMed with your email).

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19. Grand Case Beach Fund Helps Hotel Employees

Grand Case Beach Club employees are the beneficiaries of more than \$200,000 in donations made by guest to help them through the personal devastation caused by hurricane Irma, which hit the island over four months ago. The story is [here, from The Daily Herald](#).

20. 7.6 Quake Off Honduras Causes Tsunami Scare

A subterranean earthquake measuring 7.6 on the open-ended Richter scale, centered in the ocean well north of Honduras, sent scares through the Caribbean and through nearby Honduras last week. Although tsunami warnings were posted throughout much of the Caribbean, no official warnings were posted for St. Maarten. However our long-time source for all things meteorological, Rob Lightbown of Crown Weather, did post a warning on our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#) suggesting an abundance of caution on SXM just in case the earthquake spawned a tsunami that could threaten SXM.

Fortunately, no tsunami followed the quake, and there was no damage in Honduras. Nonetheless, the Caribbean is an earthquake prone region, so we will be posting the warnings from Rob Lightbown in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#) as a reference for the future. We strongly suggest you refer to this so the knowledge is in mind when a future earthquake occurs anywhere within this region.

21. Lee's Story Far From Over

It appears that the story of Lee's Roadside Grill is nowhere near over.

After a long and contentious battle with his landlord, during which he lost in court on appeal, Lee was told that he would have to vacate the premises of his Simpson Bay establishment in February, after decades serving a legion of loyal customers.

We know Lee has often said to others he will not go down without a fight, but his options are dwindling. Although calls to the restaurant have not been answered, multiple unconfirmed reports indicate that Lee may relocate to another Simpson Bay location if his efforts to save his current site wind up futile.

We'll keep watching this for you and we'll let you know what happens.

22. Restaurant Reconstruction Coming To Orient

Faster than some people had expected, moves toward reconstructing some of the most well-known restaurants and bars on Orient beach are already taking shape.

Paperwork to rebuild the "Five Sisters" -- Kon Tiki, Kakao, Waikiki, Bikini and Coco -- is underway, and approval is expected which would enable construction to begin as early as next month. Here's the [full story](#).

23. Former Passaat Owners Launching New Trimaran

Marian Ebbers, owner of the Passaat vintage schooner that was tragically sunk during hurricane Irma, have acquired a new 52-foot trimaran she has renamed No1SXM, formerly Virgin Fire. They've begun sea trials and hope to have it ready for passengers as soon as the sea trials and other preps have been completed.

As we previously reported, the owners of Celine Too and of Random Wind are moving in the same direction. We'll keep you aware as these and other operators move toward resuming sailing.

24. Grocery Update: New Super U, Leader Price, Carrefour

Hurricane Irma's early September visit to SXM shut down the entire island for a time, disrupting many lives and hundreds of businesses — among them, island grocery stores.

One of the first stores to open after the storm was the immensely popular Super U in Marigot, part of a large chain in France.

The people who own Super U had bought both "Simply" markets that had been in business on the island, one in Marigot and the other in hope estate. Although it said it was going to leave open the market in Marigot near the French side drawbridge, it closed that market shortly after purchasing it. It had also said it would convert the Simply market in hope estate to a Super U, which it said it expected to open toward the end of 2017.

Instead, Irma arrived, and pretty much demolished the hope estate Simply market. Now the building has been fully demolished and its debris removed; what remains is an open field. We do not have any information about when the new market will be constructed there, but our guess is that it could be completed before the end of 2018; that would make sense from a business perspective. We'll keep you posted if we hear anything further.

That property may be adequate to construct a larger market, should its owners decide to do that. The chain also operates Hyper U markets in France, and could use that larger concept on the site if it chooses. No doubt it's

decision will be based on long-term market potential, not the fact that in the short term the euro appears to be getting stronger. The strengthening Euro - now at \$1.22/Euro -- could impact business coming over from the Dutch side of the island.

Meanwhile, the Leader Price market near Hope Estate has been closed, replaced by a retail outlet for One Love T-shirts. Repairs continue at the Carrefour location on the Union road. And as previously reported here, the former Le Grand Marché market near Philipsburg has been converted to a Carrefour, carrying all the same products previously offered at retail at the Carrefour market on the Union road plus all of the English language products previously carried by Le Grand Marché. The market has also been completely redesigned.

25. This Is The Time To Get SkyMed Peace-of-Mind

SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Exclusively for Americans and Canadians, basic SkyMed coverage protects you throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage (via Global Emergency Transport Services, or GETS) is standard on all "Ultimate" memberships and an inexpensive option on basic memberships.

Without SkyMed, you will have to pay upwards of \$35,000 to \$50,000 or possibly much more **in cash, in advance**, to set up an emergency medical evacuation home if you know who to call and what to ask in a huge emergency. But with SkyMed, you make one toll-free call to SkyMed 24/7/365 and SkyMed makes all the arrangements related to the medical evacuation and pays for all its services. No deductibles, no claim forms, no reimbursements necessary.

It's like fire insurance -- get it before you need it. Call Jeff at his office (Eastern Time, regular office hours) 508-747-8281 or email him at jeff@jmbcommunications.com and he'll be happy to answer all your questions.

New Triple Bonus Now in Effect but it could end soon, so do get SkyMed while the bonus lasts. Here's more:

Buying a new annual or multiyear SkyMed medical evacuation membership from us, or upgrading an annual membership to a multiyear Ultimate through us?

An all new SkyMed **triple** bonus is available through www.getskymed.com or by calling Jeff when you buy a new SkyMed annual or longer membership from us -- or upgrade to a multiyear SkyMed membership from an annual membership you bought from us.

The new Triple SkyMed bonus is simple. Once you've bought or upgraded your SkyMed membership through us, you forward to us by email your SkyMed acceptance email. (Use the subject "SkyMed Bonus".) Once we verify it, we extend your JMB Website Supporters membership by the same number of years as you purchased coverage from SkyMed.

With the second part of the SkyMed bonus, we will also give you a certificate good for a \$25 discount on a future JMB Website Supporters membership renewal. The certificate is valid for two years from the date of issue. That's in addition to the years extension: That's quite a double bonus. (JMB renewals are always consecutive, never concurrent.)

The "Triple" Bonus? Yet another year of JMB membership on top of (in addition to) what you just read about.

See the other SkyMed stories in this issue for much more on SkyMed. Join now... this will not last very long.

26. Restaurant of the Week

The brainchild of restaurateur extraordinaire David Foini, the exceptionally popular IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay reopened a few weeks after Hurricane Irma had struck. The food is as terrific as always, with popular "celebrations" in store for special occasions. And as always, David does cater to help those with special dietary requirements, as best he can. Service is top notch as always, and quality is superb: it never wavers.

Plus, IZI is now open for lunch and it does have special "Survivors" offerings at very reasonable prices. David looks forward to welcoming back his customers on their next trip to SXM. It's a fun place to get outstanding food and great service: we never miss it on every SXM visit. Go soon.

Here is a rundown of the status of all restaurants featured in the last year or so in our *Weekly News* restaurant column. Dates below are when each restaurant was last covered.

Celine Too Motor Yacht, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17). Sunk by Irma. Neil has bought a new sailing yacht as big as Celine Too was and is readying it to enter service soon. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 5/1/17). Big Fish has closed. We do not have any word on whether Mike and Teresa will be reopening.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 1/15/18) David is back and the restaurant has reopened. Now open for lunch as well.

Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution. Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/29/17) Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood casino in the middle of Simpson Bay Resort was one of the first restaurants to reopen soon after Irma struck, and it has been open ever since. It is now also fully enclosed and fully air conditioned - no street noise. Neat place.

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 2/6/17) Avantika is open. SXM's best Thai.

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 4/10/17) Canoa has established a gofundme campaign to help it rebuild. We have no information on timing, but our guess is probably late 2018, or later.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 3/13/17 Mario's Bistro reopened a few weeks after Irma hit and looks forward to your return. Phenomenal dining.

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 7/17/17) Skipjack's main dining deck overlooking the lagoon was wrecked by Irma and is being rebuilt. They should be open late 2018.

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16). The Maho area was hit very badly by Irma and Pizza Pasta has closed and is not expected to reopen, not at that location anyway. Selena has moved to St. Kitts where her mom, Ilde, and dad, Dario, operate their Ciao restaurant.

Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 8/14/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution.

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/30/17; added 1/17) La Patrona is open and has been for quite some time.

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 5/21/17) Recently reopened; new menu; redesigned; also now serving lunch. New name too: Cafe Spiga. New bar, new bar snacks, same great staff, service, and wonderful food.

The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16 Just got insurance settlement, not yet reopened.

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Opening in progress; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 1/15/18.

Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 9/2/14) Stone is permanently closed.

Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15) Believed permanently closed and likely for sale. We'll post quickly if we hear anything else.

Temptation, <http://www.temptation-sxm.com/> (featured 7/5/17) Permanently closed. Dino has now relocated to Emilio's at the Emilio Wilson Estate, which will be featured here soon.

Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 7/10/17) Open now for lunch and dinner.

Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/26/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution.

Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/19/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 7/31/17) Reopened.

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16) Club Orient was wrecked by Irma; rebuilding is planned. ETA not yet known.

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) Reopened. Their sign blew away in Irma -- to Virgin Gorda's airport 192 miles away.

FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse Had closed permanently before Irma hit.

St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge Reopened.

Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 6/12/17) Rebuilding, hopes to reopen soon.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 1/8/18). Reopened. Now open seven days / nights, B/L/D.

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17) Reopened quickly.

Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

Bylbos, Simpson Bay Not yet known.

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

Closed permanently; see next item. Pierre ("Pete") Ferland has opened a new Japanese Restaurant next to Pineapple Pete...

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great service.

Emilio's at Emilio Wilson Estate will be featured soon. It's the new property run by renowned chef Dino Jagtiani, whose Temptation Restaurant was wrecked by Irma.

You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

27. Our Thanks To You...in a Tangible Way

Many hundreds of you in November and December have written to us online and in letters to thank us for our extensive coverage of Irma here, on our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#) (where we had more than 50,000 interactions with you following the storm), and for our help in answering thousands of phone calls from JMB members in the six weeks immediately after Irma struck.

From Jeff: *I've been a journalist / marketing writer since finishing college, working in radio, TV, newspapers, and magazines. **But your "thanks" messages mean far more to me than the cardboard box of awards we keep somewhere in the cellar.** It's great to know how you rely on us to keep you connected, and that you like what we're doing for you. We truly love doing it as much as you enjoy reading it.*

How You Can Help Us Make SXM Weekly News Even More Useful to Its Readers.

As seasoned journalists, we take great pride in *Weekly News*. We keep our eyes and ears open all week long and on every Friday, decide what's going into *Weekly News*. We write on Friday and Saturday morning, then send *Weekly News* on its way.

Here's how can you help us make **SXM Weekly News** even better -- three key ways:

1) When on the island, keep your eyes and ears open and let us know what you see that's of significant interest to our tourist audience. We might already have it ... then again we might not. (In some cases, what you give us will already have been covered in *Weekly News* -- but when you have a story idea, email it to jeff1620@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Weekly News Idea." We welcome every idea.)

2) Spread the word about *Weekly News*. Let others know they can subscribe "free" anytime on our site, sxmweeklynews.com.

3) The crucial word is **free**. Quite frankly, we need your help -- now more than ever, thanks to Irma -- to be able to continue to research, write, and distribute *Weekly News* every week. It takes a lot of time to research and write ***Weekly News***, and "bandwidth costs" for emailing 300,000+ copies weekly (and sometimes more often) does not come cheap.

There are several ways you can help; we'd be grateful no matter which you do:

- Contribute. Any contribution amount is very much appreciated. If you want to use PayPal, send it to jeff@jmbcommunications.com . Or send a check (payable to JMB Communications) to us at JMB, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812.
- Join, renew, or reinstate your membership in JMB Website Supporters. This is the best option since it gives you over 300 benefits and island discounts that are good as long as your membership is active. (See the story at the end of this email please.) Many businesses have already reopened on SXM, and more open every week. Boat owners whose tour boats sank have bought new boats and are readying them right now. SXM is welcoming more tourists every single day. To re-join just click the page curl on everythingxsm.com -- all the info is there. You can also call the office and leave the info there; our numbers are 508-830-3456 (main) or 508-747-8281.
- Join SkyMed. It's the best medevac protection you can buy, in our view; you've likely read about in *Weekly News* and you know you should have it; it covers traveling Americans and Canadians in the USA, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and in every nation of the Caribbean including Cuba. If you want global protection, that's available too. (It won't cover you in places like North Korea, Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia....) See getskymed.com for much more, or call Jeff directly at 508-747-8281. He can answer all your questions and get you going.
- Even get some of our exclusive copyrighted SXM Euro Oval stickers. They're two for \$10 or five for \$15. You can order them via PayPal (include your shipping address) or by check (US checks only drawn on US banks). Our address is below. The PayPal pay-to email address is jeff@jmbcommunications.com as

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Thank you. We appreciate your membership...we thank you for being a JMB Website Supporters member...but most of all we simply appreciate *you for your membership and your ongoing support.*

28. SkyMed Available for US/Canadian ExPats Living on SXM

SkyMed coverage is incredibly important for US and Canadian ex-pats living on St. Maarten, other Caribbean islands, or even Mexico. Your US or Canadian health insurance does not work in any of those places. So, in case of a critical illness or injury, you must get back to your province in Canada or to the US for treatment to be covered by your health insurance.

SkyMed Takes You Home®. Here are details:

First, what is SkyMed? Scottsdale Arizona based SkyMed International takes its members home when they become critically ill or injured while traveling. Basic "Takes You Home" memberships cover you in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global memberships (provided by SkyMed affiliate GETS) cover you in the rest of the world with a few exceptions — like Syria, Somalia, Afghanistan, North Korea and possibly a few others. As you understand, that list may change as world events unfold.

The Double SkyMed bonus -- just extended and expanded -- is simple. Once you've bought or upgraded your SkyMed membership through us, you forward to us by email your SkyMed acceptance email. Once we verify it, we extend your JMB Website Supporters membership by the same number of years as you purchased coverage from SkyMed. Now, with the double SkyMed bonus, we will *also* give you a certificate good for a \$25 discount on a future JMB Website Supporters membership renewal. The certificate is valid for two years from the date of issue. That's in addition to the years extension: That's quite a double bonus. And it has now been expanded and extended: see story #11.

The double bonus offer comes only with SkyMed memberships purchased from us now...

How Does SkyMed Work?

SkyMed medical evacuations take you home to doctors and hospitals you know and trust — where your health insurance works. You call SkyMed, and SkyMed makes all the arrangements. There are no deductibles, no claim forms, and no reimbursements since SkyMed pays for all the arrangements it makes.

Without SkyMed, if you or a covered loved one needs a medical evacuation, you must make the arrangements yourself in the middle of an emergency and you must pay for everything upfront in cash — ambulances, aircraft, flight crew, jet fuel, medical personnel, etc. With SkyMed, by contrast, SkyMed makes all the arrangements and you pay \$0 for the evacuation. SkyMed *Takes You Home*® — what else matters?

Attention ExPats: As a US/Canadian ex-pat living on SXM at least six months per year, you understand the need to get home where your US or Canadian health insurance works if you become critically ill or injured while living on SXM. That's exactly what SkyMed ex-pat coverage does; it covers the ambulance from the local hospital to the airport, the medical evacuation flight home, and the ambulance at the arrival airport that takes you to the hospital, to which SkyMed has transferred your record; waiting there is a bed for you; and a team that has your medical records and is prepared to start working with you.

For more information, see www.getskymed.com or contact Jeff any business day (including this week) Eastern time at 508-747-8281 (fastest) or email him at jeff.berger@skymed.com. Include your return telephone number and time zone. He'll be happy to answer your questions and can even take an application by phone.

29. Traveling Anywhere Soon? SkyMed Takes You Home®

More Info: 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?

Get SkyMed protection now, before you need it. See www.getskymed.com. Got questions? Phone SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger at 508-747-8281 weekdays during regular office hours, Eastern time. Email Jeff at jeff.berger@skymed.com or jeff@jmbcommunications.com.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

And you'll find Frequently Asked Questions here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2015SkyMedFAQ.pdf>

SkyMed Bonus: See info on the all-new SkyMed Triple Bonus in story # 18 in this issue.

SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. What else matters? Global coverage is available. Call Jeff for details & answers to questions. .

30. Now: Ten-Year Price Guarantee for SkyMed's Most Cost-Effective Medevac Protection

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 which is the only way to get this level of protection if you're not a SkyMed member.

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Prepay for five years at the sharply reduced rate of \$2495 for [JMB Website Supporters](#) members exclusively. 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 get many features and benefits, too; [here they are](#).

If it's more convenient, you can also pay \$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.

Learn more at www.getskymed.com.

31. Last Call: Get Our SXM Euro Ovals; Offer Ends 1/20/18

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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. All orders must be postmarked by 1/20/18 to receive this order, which will soon shut down until April.

We have a decent supply but we suggest you order quickly. No shipping charge.

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

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32. 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 now until at least May, 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....

33. 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.

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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

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at www.everythingsxm.com. To change your password, click that same link.

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

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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Contact Us (Revised 8/21/17)

All member discounts and benefits are explained in detail on the members-only *secret* website, <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret>. If you're a JMB Website Supporters member and have a question not answered there, contact support@jmbcommunications.com

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

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