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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 3/3/2018 3/10/2018 Week 9 LaVista Beach Studio unit sleeps 4. Ground level. Heineken Regatta week. *Beach units report re-opening in December 2017.* \$726 per week. John (518) 281-0540
jmathes2@nycap.rr.com Posted 12-17.

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

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

1. Flights Continue to Be An Annoying Problem

For Americans and Canadians seeking to visit SXM, the challenge isn't so much finding accommodations as it is finding flights that are reasonably convenient and sensibly economical.

As we've reported, jetBlue Airways has increased its service from New York Kennedy to daily, but other US airlines haven't followed suit. American, Delta, United, and others continue to offer limited service and long, inconvenient connections especially from points away from the East Coast.

Air France, KLM, WestJet, and JetBlue (as mentioned earlier) have all announced or started increased service, but the others are being very cautious, fearful of flying nearly empty planes especially as the season starts to wind down in a couple of months.

Oddly, coincident with the season typically winding down, timeshares will start ramping up room availabilities across the island; see stories below. One would hope logic would prevail and flights this year would continue to increase from their current depressed levels. Demand is there; many more accommodations are about to be there; and flights ought to be there as well.

2. KLM Increasing Service to Three Trips Weekly

KLM, which provides nonstop service from Amsterdam, is increasing its service to three times weekly. Its sister airline, Air France, recently restored weekly nonstops to SXM from Paris, and it should be expected to further increase service in the coming months.

SXM has made remarkable strides in recovering from Irma, and is about to make even more remarkable strides in reopening hundreds of rooms of accommodations. Prospective island visitors should be watching airline schedules for increased flights to the island — closer to normal levels — through the middle and later parts of this year.

3. 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 SXM 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.*

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

5. Simpson Bay Resort Heads Up

This past week, Simpson Bay Resort announced that in addition to cosmetic damage, its Caladium, Dieffenbachia, and Croton buildings had suffered severe structural damage and can not be repaired or rebuilt. A detailed article, including SBR's entire letter to timeshare owners, appears below, as do our observations.

6. Dawn Beach Club Heads Up

Also in recent weeks, an announcement was sent to all Dawn Beach Club interval owners concerning the future of that property. We are publishing that entire announcement in our main news section this week, along with a few observations.

We just wanted to highlight that fact in this section, where we normally run stories about accommodations on SXM.

7. SXM Timeshare Condo & Villa Rentals

With several timeshare resorts coming back online — Sea Palace and Atrium Resort, with others to follow -- timeshare owners are now posting units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on everythingSXM.com and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingsxm.com. Check them out.

Our timeshare rentals page will be heavily updated by midweek this week.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

8. "Section Three" -- Member Discounts / Benefits News & Updates

This section of *SXM Weekly News*, which appears weekly, will provide detailed information about current JMB Website Supporters discounts and benefits both for current members and for people thinking about joining JMB.

We now offer about 300 discounts (including 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.

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SBR

Simpson Bay Resort announced last week that the Caladium, Croton, and Dieffenbachia buildings at Simpson Bay will not be repaired or rebuilt after having suffered massive structural damage during hurricane Irma. Although the buildings were made of cement, the area apparently suffered a direct hit from a tornado which appears to have caused the severe structural damage.

Here is the complete text of the message from Simpson Bay Resort:

Dear Members,

We hope you are enjoying a happy and healthy 2018!

First, we want to apologize for the delay in sending you this update. As you already know, the resort suffered serious and substantial damage in Hurricane Irma. We have spent the weeks since the hurricane assessing and making repairs as quickly as possible, and we felt it was important for everything to be as accurate as possible. After assessing the overall damage to the property as well as the individual damage to each building, we would like to report the following:

We are sad to report that the Caladium, Croton and Dieffenbachia buildings have not only suffered cosmetic damage, but also have severe structural damage. This is consistent with other concrete buildings in the area near the resort, such as the concrete block homes immediately next to the Caladium and Croton buildings, that were completely destroyed by the storm. It appears that the winds on that particular side of the hill were incredibly strong, and may have actually been compounded by tornados. Small tornados are known to form in hurricanes, and are usually the cause of the most significant damage. The winds were strong enough to stack cars on top of each other like blocks, and to cause structural damage to concrete structures, including the Caladium, Croton and Dieffenbachia buildings. The out-of-pocket cost to tear down and rebuild those buildings and spread the burden among the general membership makes repair of these buildings an extremely expensive proposition. Without considering these buildings, the total budget to repair all the other damage is US\$5,523,073.00. Adding the cost of repair for the Caladium, Croton and Dieffenbachia buildings increases the total cost by US\$15,000,000.00, as those buildings must be completely demolished and rebuilt to be safe.

The membership agreements for the Caladium, Croton and Dieffenbachia buildings contain "force majeure" clauses, which allow for the cancellation of membership agreements in the event of storms, acts of God and the like. This clause appears in the old Pelican Resort contracts as well as the newer Simpson Bay Resort contracts. It is clear that the Resort and its members cannot afford to rebuild these buildings and therefore must exercise its option to cancel the contracts, simply because there is no other legal option.

This does not mean you will lose your piece of paradise! *We want to ensure that members whose units were destroyed still have the opportunity to return to their St. Maarten home. Therefore, we have decided to offer members that have weeks in the Caladium, Croton and Dieffenbachia buildings the option to join the Royal Resorts Caribbean Collection ("RRCC") at no cost other than the continuation of payment of their current maintenance fees (and the payment of any points club fees, which go to the exchange company and not to Simpson Bay Resort). Each member will get an amount of points that corresponds with their type of unit and their membership week. In this way, even though the units were destroyed, these members will be able to return to the Resort if they wish. Affected members who wish to take advantage of this offer should contact Rose Blackwell and team by email at: rblackwell@simpsonbayresort.com, or by telephone at 1-888-852-8305. Members who do not wish to accept the RRCC offer should also contact Rose or a member of her team to ensure that they do not receive any additional billing. Members who have paid their 2018 maintenance fees and do not elect to accept the RRCC offer will have their maintenance fees refunded.*

The renovation of the other buildings is on target with the Villas Building scheduled for occupancy by March 3, 2018, the delivery of Marina, Flamboyant Beaumontia and Bougainvillea by April 28, 2018, and delivery of the Allamanda building by the end of September, 2018. As stated above, the total budget to repair those buildings and the public areas is US\$5,523,073.00. The members will pay approximately 40% of this amount via a proportional assessment based on the type of unit owned, while the Resort Developer will pay for the unsold weeks. A complete breakdown of the costs associated with repair of the Resort is in the member's section at www.simpsonbayresort.com.

The assessment will be as follows:

Assessment by Unit Type

Unit Type	Assessment
Penthouse	\$428.00
2 Bedroom	\$332.00
1 Bedroom	\$302.00
Studio4	\$287.00

Studio2-----\$214.00

RRCC members will be assessed the amount that corresponds to the type of unit available for reservation based on the number of points they currently hold and pay yearly fees on. Members in the 10-year program (points or fixed weeks) will pay the same assessment as regular members.

These assessments will be sent out in late February or early March, and will be due 90 days after they are invoiced. Any owner who owns three or more intervals will be able to elect to finance the balance due over 6 months, subject to a 15% administrative surcharge to cover administration of the financing.

We are very proud that the Resort was able to face the storm without any major injuries to our employees or guests, that no employee was dismissed or had their hours reduced on account of the storm, that we were able to host the military force as well as the red cross, and also that we were the only major resort of the island that continued to be opened for business travelers and also will hopefully be the first major resort to be reopen for tourism. We are very proud of all of our employees and we are very appreciative with all the members that continue to support the resort and their "island home".

Best Regards,

Simpson Bay Resort & Marina Management

Comments from SBR's Rose Blackwell (these are her personal comments, not official comments from SBR):

"Members at all the resorts on the island need to realize that people have lost their homes, their businesses and in many cases their livelihoods. Timeshare owners are inconvenienced for their vacation for a year or two. SBR has taken a route that will get the members vacations back to normal as fast and as safely as possible, incurring the least expense to both the owner company and to the members. Our members are our greatest resource and we don't want to lose any of them, and therefore offering the points alternative was the most viable option.

"You can't please all of the people all of the time, but based on the calls and emails today, this points option will actually please most of them. The response has been favourable. I will try to put together a Q and A type of information sheet to distribute [It will be printed here in *SXM Weekly News*. -Ed.]. *Once people's questions and fears are addressed I think about 70% of the members affected will opt to stay. That's just my personal opinion and estimate.*"

Our observations:

We wrote about "force majeure" clauses last October here in *SXM Weekly News*, and we are repeating that story today in article #15. We stated at that time that we felt that force majeure clauses could very easily come into play in SXM at multiple resorts in the near term — and that is exactly what has happened, at multiple resorts as expected. If this is a surprise to you and you are a timeshare owner, all we can say is *never sign any legal contract unless you read it first — especially if it includes language that you don't understand*. Pass it by a lawyer in the land where the contract originated. .

As Simpson Bay Resort said, the force majeure clause is in most timeshare contracts and has been for years. *Had the resort decided to demolish the three buildings and completely redesigned/rebuild them, it would have had to assess every timeshare owner at a level that would've killed the resort and taken all its contracts down the drain with it. The assessments would've been unaffordable to the vast majority of timeshare owners and would've made no sense for anyone. We do believe that the option chosen by the resort with relation to timeshare owners in the three affected buildings was the best option available under the circumstances. Read the letter closely; email the resort; and look for your reply as quickly as the resort can possibly get it to you, even as it replies to hundreds of other timeshare owners. We think their solution is as good as it can possibly be under catastrophic circumstances....*

10. SkipJacks Is Rebuilding, But Reopening Will Be a While

SkipJack's, the iconic award-winning seafood restaurant in Simpson Bay, is indeed rebuilding, with owner George Shetter on-island making sure everything is handled properly.

With lots of employees, large restaurants like SkipJacks need plenty of tourists to keep everyone busy. The current state of the island economy makes things difficult for most businesses -- but especially so for larger businesses like SkipJacks. So, although the restaurant is rushing all its repair and renovation work to completion, the restaurant is

not likely to open until Summer at the earliest and, possibly, late fall as the main 2018/2019 tourist season begins.

It's one of our favorite seafood restaurants as well, so we'll continue to watch its progress and keep you posted.

But the main point is clear -- and that is that SkipJacks is coming back.

11. Dawn Beach Club / Westin Update

What follows is the full text of the letter sent in January to all timeshare owners at Dawn Beach Club, part of the Westin Resort and Casino on Dawn beach:

Seasons Greetings to all Dawn Beach Club Owners: (Meilleurs Vœux à tous les propriétaires du Dawn Beach Club : (version française en bas en bleu)

We are pleased to provide you with an update concerning reconstruction as well as information regarding 2018 maintenance fees and the use of your weeks. We appreciate all of your words of kindness, concerns about our local team, loyalty and genuine enthusiasm as we share a copy of the DBC's Hurricane Irma Update #2 complete with information regarding progress thus far, reconstruction plans and photos from the renovation team at the DBC!

*The renovation team includes 70 of our long term staff that you have come to know as extended family. **Our little piece of paradise is rebounding and we are all looking forward to welcoming you back to your "beach house" as soon as possible.***

Over the course of the next few days 2018 maintenance fees will be billed and statements mailed. Attached you will find a copy of the letter that will accompany your maintenance fee statements. Please remember that your maintenance fees are due on or before January 28, 2018. Your account will incur late fees if your payment is not received by this date. Should you, for any reason, not receive a copy of your statement in the mail, please contact Ashley Beetem at ashley.beetem@dawnbeachclub.com to verify your mailing address.

With regards to the use of your 2018 week(s), except for biennial odd year owners, please remember that you have two options:

1. Bank with the DBC. If you opt to bank your week please note that the credited week will become valid for future use once payment of your maintenance fees has been received. Should your maintenance fees not be current and paid in full by the end of 2018 you will be unable to bank your 2018 week and the week will no longer be usable. Please also note that your loan, if applicable, must be current in order for your weeks to be banked. Just as with reservations, if your account is not current you are unable to bank your week. If you have already contacted us to bank your 2018 week, please note the banking has been entered into the system and it will be valid once your 2018 maintenance fees are paid.
2. Exchange with Interval. Please contact Interval directly for information regarding exchange options and availabilities. Also, just a reminder that your 2018 maintenance fees must be paid in full before you are able to deposit your 2018 week for an exchange. Once your maintenance fees have been paid, if you are a fixed week owner you can deposit your week directly with Interval. If you are a float week owner please first contact Mikiael at reservationsxsm1@dawnbeachclub.com to receive a week assignment to deposit. As always, in order to deposit with Interval your maintenance fees and loan, if applicable, must be current. You will also find attached to this email a 2018 Week Usage Form. A copy of this form will also be enclosed with your maintenance fee statements. Once you have decided what you want to do with your 2018 week please complete this form and return it to us by email, fax (1-859-363-2605) or mail for our records. If you have already contacted us to bank your week or you have already deposited it for an exchange, please still complete and return this form. If your account is not current with regards to either your maintenance fees or your loan, we would recommend that you contact us immediately to make payment and get current before the end of the year so you do not lose your usage rights for your 2017 week and/or any future weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We are doing our best to respond to you as quickly as possible and we appreciate your understanding and patience at this time.

JMB Comments / Observations About DBC and the Westin:

We expect a redesigned, reimagined pair of facilities to emerge at the southern end of Dawn beach. Both the Dawn Beach Club and its accompanying hotel complex will certainly need to be more capable of withstanding severe hurricanes without catastrophic damage. Porto Cupecoy suffered minimal damage from Irma; other major structures on the island, if appropriately designed or redesigned, should be able to come out of the next storm in similarly good

shape.

On the other hand, the design of the main Westin hotel facility always struck us as peculiar. Why would anyone design a major hotel facing Eastward toward oncoming tropical cyclones largely in the shape of a horseshoe, with the sides of the horseshoe directing the flow of a storm surge and its accompanying punishing waves to the heart of the structure? It never made sense to us.

We don't know what the architects will design on this property, but it would seem logical to us to expect them to take this opportunity to design something ingenious, attractive, permanent, and highly functional for the local economy and the good of its investors.

Furthermore, we have long been convinced that this property aimed slightly higher than the general demographic that SXM now routinely attracts. A Marriott, in our humble opinion, could fit that demographic perfectly. Columbia Sussex manages many name brand properties including Marriott and could rebrand this to a Marriott quickly and relatively easily. If we were gamblers, we'd bet on it. The place would become much easier to fill.

We'll keep you posted, as always.

12. When Will Sapphire Reopen?

One long-standing problem that the developers of Sapphire Beach Club have continually demonstrated is a chronic inability to communicate with their timeshare owners with any degree of completeness or believability.

We have great respect for Jan Borsje, but he's not the developer; the Verdier family is. A couple of months ago, communications from the Sapphire indicated that they will be reopening this winter. People looking inside the complex see nothing that indicates they are either on the way to accomplishing that or are even seriously working on it. We'll make some calls this week to see what's going on — if that's possible. But communications from Sapphire don't appear to indicate much of anything about when the resort will actually reopen: it's as clear as mud right now.

As always, we'll keep watching this and we intend to keep you posted. But we need your ongoing support -- see the ad after story #15.

13. Update on Oyster Bay Beach Resort

Oyster Bay Beach Resort (OBBR) is slated to reopen 68 units and many other resort amenities on June 1, right on schedule, and plans to reopen the rest of its Dawn Beach facility early in December of this year. More is [here](#).

14. Update on Royal Islander Resort

Royal Islander is stating this now in answer to messages from its timeshare owners:

"The 2018 maintenance bills have not yet been accessed. *The resort is closed until further notice at least until July month end.* The maintenance bills will be sent out as soon as an opening date is decided. You will only be required to pay if the resort is open and you can use your week."

So, the "answer" at the moment is end of July -- unequivocally perhaps.

Our two cents: The entire Maho area was pummeled mercilessly by Irma. We hope we're wrong, but our guess is it won't reopen in July. And the 2018 hurricane season in general is expected as of now to be as bad or worse than 2017 -- though no one as of now can predict precisely where any major storms may hit. We're rooting for Royal Islander to reopen soon -- we'll keep you posted.

15. About "Force Majeure" Timeshare Contract Clauses (Repeat)

Our October 23, 2017, edition of *SXM Weekly News* contained this exact story on Force Majeure, the clause in many timeshare resort contracts which enables the resorts to cancel timeshare contracts when Acts of God make it impossible for them to deliver what is otherwise promised in their contracts:

"Although we've been aware of the existence of these clauses for some time, we don't think timeshare owners have even read them, let alone understand them.

"*Force majeure* clauses in timesharing contracts and elsewhere — according to a Google search — mean this:

"A "*force majeure*" clause (French for "superior force") is a contract provision that relieves the parties from performing their contractual obligations when certain circumstances beyond their control arise, making performance inadvisable, commercially impracticable, illegal, or impossible.

"St. Maarten timeshare resorts are honorable businesses that live up to their commitments to timeshare owners. But Irma was the strongest hurricane on record ever in the Atlantic basin, and the second strongest known tropical cyclone in the planet's recorded history. As you're well aware, Irma ravaged the island and damaged or destroyed some 90% of its buildings.

"If you have not yet heard from your timeshare resort about its future — or if you have not read that resort information in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) — you should be aware of this clause and you should check your timeshare contract to see whether it's there.

"If your resort closes, this clause explains how it can happen."

More news follows this message:

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16. Summit Resort, Ocean Club, & Force Majeure

For all intents and purposes, Ocean Club on Cupecoy beach was destroyed by hurricane Irma.

Its owner/developer has strongly implied that the resort will be rebuilt, but timeshare owners there have been complaining about the lack of current communications about the developer's exact plans and timing for resort reconstruction.

As we previously reported, the story at Summit Resort is remarkably different. It was apparent immediately after the storm that Summit Resort was totally destroyed by Irma. Built roughly 50 years ago, that resort consisted of beautiful one or two story chalets set inside lush tropical gardens. The rooms were spacious and comfortable and appointed with all modern amenities, but it was all destroyed by Irma.

We don't recall whether there was a force majeure clause in their timesharing contract, but the effect was the same: Irma, the act of God, destroyed the resort, make delivery of its timeshare promises impossible. There, the loss to timeshare owners was palpable and quite stunning: the resort is missed by its former timeshare owners, who were well taken care of by both the developer and the general manager there. The future of Ocean Club is unclear thanks to the lack of communication from its developer, who reportedly owns a number of Caribbean resorts and is working to restore them.

If you own a timeshare anywhere in the Western Hemisphere, there is a high likelihood that your timeshare contract includes a force majeure clause. It is legal, it represents mutual risk, and it is 100% enforceable given the correct set of circumstances. It is something about which you need to be knowledgeable. See also story #15.

17. The Necessary Evil of Resort Self-Insurance

Hurricane insurance is remarkably expensive — so expensive that were major timeshare resorts and hotels to ensure their properties fully, their costs would be so high that charges to consumers would be so astronomical that the

businesses would fail.

Consequently, many businesses in areas where the cost of hurricane insurance is astronomical choose to self-insure, reducing costs substantially, keeping a reserve for hurricane damage repairs, and hoping that weather luck shines favorably on them.

That doesn't always happen, of course, and sometimes it leads to business failures. If there were a better solution, it seems that most would jump for it.

In fact, that may be happening. A number of resorts, observing how well Porto Cupecoy made it through the storm, appear to be electing superior methods of renovation and repair which hopefully will enable larger resorts to survive blockbuster storms far more effectively and more resiliently than was the case after Irma....

We'll keep an eye on it. [Help keep our work coming: see the ad above story #16.](#)

18. Two New SkyMed Referral / Loyalty Bonuses!

Bonus 1:

If you're one of the thousands of people who have joined SkyMed through us, here's an opportunity you won't want to miss:

Effective immediately, we are launching a SkyMed referral bonus exclusively for you. Simply tell your friends and business associates about the peace of mind you get from your SkyMed "Takes You Home®" medical evacuation membership. Suggest they visit our site getskymed.com and check the program out, or contact Jeff Berger directly at 508-747-8281 or jeff.berger@skymed.com. *When they sign up for an annual or multiyear SKYMED membership through us, and tell us you referred them, will give you a one-year extension of your existing JMB Website Supporters membership.* There is no limit to how many SkyMed referral bonuses you can receive. Program officially began 2/10/18. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jeff directly or PM him through our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Bonus 2:

If you're a SkyMed member with an annual or longer SkyMed medevac membership, you can recommend SkyMed to a friend (and tell us their name and phone number if that's OK with them). When they join SkyMed *through us* with an annual or longer new SkyMed membership, you get an extension of a month or two of your current, unexpired SkyMed membership. No limit -- recommend 10 people who join through us and you get 10 extensions to your own SkyMed membership. It's a neat program -- take advantage of it.

19. 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@JMBCommunications.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).

Please contact Jeff to apply for SkyMed protection: 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only). Or email him at jeff.berger@skymed.com or jeff@jmbcommunications.com. Do it now..... There is no age limit to apply for SkyMed.

This is not combinable with any other offers.

20. 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.

21. Restaurant of the Week

Returns 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/ 1/29/18 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 1/22/18). 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.

22. Our Thanks To You...

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.*

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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 everythingsexm.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.
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23. US/Canadian ExPats Living on SXM Can Get SkyMed

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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.

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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?

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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.

24. Traveling Anywhere Soon? SkyMed Takes You Home®

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<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 another story 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. .

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26. 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....

27. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

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Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See getskymed.com.

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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