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

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

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

## 1. USA Preclearance Still on Airport's Agenda

Despite the ravages of hurricane Irma, it appears that SXM Airport still expects to proceed with USA customs and immigration preclearance some time after the main terminal at the airport reopens.

Preclearance enables certain overseas airports to process outbound passengers for customs and immigration into the US. Given this preclearance, the flights are then able to land at US airports as if they were domestic in origin: no further customs or immigration clearance is necessary.

[This article](#) provides very good detail on what's going on, but no specific implementation date. Since the main terminal may not open for another year or so, preclearance is not likely to be ready until 2019 at the earliest. That, by the way, could be when Southwest starts service to SXM, too....

As always, we'll keep you posted.

## 2. "Friendly Skies" Turn Deadly for 18 Dogs on United

The bad news from passengers of United Airlines seems to be unending.

It started several days back when, allegedly due to a language issue, a flight attendant apparently misunderstood a passenger's comment about a puppy being in a container -- so the flight attendant told the passenger to put the container in the overhead storage area.

The puppy was in the overhead bin for hours, barking, but prior to landing the barking suddenly ceased. When the plane landed, the passenger discovered that the dog had died in flight. No airlines that we know of either require or permit live animals to be in overhead storage compartments.

Since that happened, there have been multiple current stories about United sending dogs to wrong destinations, including Japan for what was to be a domestic trip. They have also delivered the wrong dog on occasion to the right destination.

Far worse, of the 24 dogs that died during a recent period while being handled by domestic airlines, 18 of them were being handled by United at the time of their death.

For dogs, United currently offers nothing remotely resembling the "friendly" skies.

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### 3. Are Cruise Ship Employees Sabotaging SXM Travel?

We received anecdotal reports from recent cruise ship passengers who have told us that their Royal Caribbean or MSC cruises contained comments from cruise directors or other company employees advising people to avoid the French side of the island because of the destruction there.

From what we have been able to learn, these appear to be isolated instances aboard some ships, rather than any corporate blackballing. Nonetheless, the warnings were serious and memorable — and also dead wrong.

Both sides of the island have done a remarkable job of recovering from the ravages of hurricane Irma, said to be the second most powerful tropical cyclone in recorded history — and the most powerful Atlantic hurricane in history.

If you have recently been a cruise ship passenger (2018) and your cruise company has given you written or verbal direction to avoid SXM in general or the French or Dutch side in particular, we ask you to please send detail to [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject Cruise Ships and SXM. We will take it from there. We have already made government officials aware that this appears to be going on. We want to give them as many specifics as we can so they can act on this misguided, completely bogus advice.

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### 4. Philipsburg Harassment An Issue for Cruise Ship Companies

Although longtime visitors to SXM don't seem to mind it much, hawkers on the streets of Philipsburg are annoying cruise ship visitors and that is drawing the attention of cruise ship companies, which don't like the practice.

Street hawkers are nothing new in SXM, where they are seldom bothered by officials. French side gendarmes do crack down on them. Historically, the most *persona non grata* hawkers are OPCs -- off premises consultants hired by or working for timeshare organizations who give you supposedly rare winning tickets representing a prize which you'll get after listening to a timeshare spiel.

In any case, the Dutch side government is looking into possibly doing something, sometime, about the hawkers. We understand why businesses use them, especially this year, though in our view they do nothing to enhance SXM as a vacation destination.

More is [here](#).

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### 5. Fall Fares Beginning To Look Much Better

Winter, spring, and some summer fares continue to be high on several airlines — American Airlines in particular — and connections are often tortuous. The reason is supply and demand. Demand has been steadily increasing but flights haven't kept pace, since airlines are dead set against flying planes that are not full.



Demand for summer trips — since accommodations are increasing across the island this summer — should motivate airlines to increase service this summer over current reduced rates.

In fact, fares for flights this fall, at least right now, appear to be much more reasonable, and flight frequencies appear to be headed for an increase. We would expect AA's popular flights from Charlotte to resume at some point this fall. The lack of those flights has been very unpopular among AA frequent flyers attempting to get to SXM. AA's only nonstops are still from Miami, though JetBlue continues to fly nonstops to SXM daily from JFK.

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## 6. No Checking In, Leaving to Drink Away From SXM Airport?

Before Irma, many people enjoyed checking their bags at the airport then walking to Sunset Bar for a couple of hours before returning to the airport to fly home.

Recently, that has been impossible — on some airlines. Passengers commenting on this in our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) are saying that some airlines after check-in require you to go into the departure terminal and stay there until your flight is ready to take off. Others, though, let you leave the terminal before coming back to be checked through security prior to take off.

We have a feeling that there is a standard airport policy here which may or may not be followed by specific airlines. Check with your airline if you want to leave after checking your bags, but bear in mind that their answer could be subject to change.

More stories are below.

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## 7. Storms Continue to Disrupt Air Travel

A plurality of passengers heading for SXM originate their flights in the US Northeast. Lately, however, mother nature has been disrupting air travel thanks to storms in the mid-Atlantic area and throughout the Northeast, including three recent northeasters, one of them a blizzard, and a possible fourth Nor'easter later this week.

Although winter and summer storms often impact SXM travel, the impact this winter is aggravated by the fact that fewer flights are available and most of them are full --- making rebooking problematic.

As we've recommended many times, if your area of the country is ever impacted by serious storms, you should subscribe to the very inexpensive custom weather service offered by Crown Weather and Rob Lightbown, whose services we've used for years for hurricane forecasting. He is equally adept, timely, and complete with coverage of other major storms throughout the US. You can learn more at [crownweather.com](http://crownweather.com).

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## 8. Rob Lightbown Working on Updated Hurricane Forecast

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown continues to work on the scheduled early-April update of his 2018 Atlantic basin hurricane forecast. He expects to release the forecast in a couple of weeks, and we will report on it here in detail.

His initial forecast, issued in December, anticipated a season with activity either equal to or possibly greater than that which was recorded in 2017.

In doing his analyses, Rob not only looks at both current and evolving conditions, but also at years which had analogous conditions. That helps him home in on not only what may happen in terms of activity, but also where —



what areas could see increased tropical cyclone presence.

Again, his site is [www.crownweather.com](http://www.crownweather.com). If you are anywhere in the potential path of possible future storms, you owe it to yourself to check out his site and subscribe to his private forecasting services; we've done it for years and they are surprisingly economical.

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## 9. Dr. Soc Tours New Airport

Jeffrey Sochrin, the Dr. Soc of the "Fresh air in the Morning" program on Island92 radio (91.9FM, Island92.com) recently toured the new temporary SXM Airport terminal buildings and posted a number of pictures on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#), along with some comments. To see his posts, go to our site and use the search window for posts from Jeffrey Sochrin.

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## 10. Current SXM Weather Info

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com), and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. 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](http://www.island92.com). They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming. They were knocked off the air by Irma but are now back.

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: *Again...Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

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

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

## 12. Twin 21-Story Residential Towers Coming to Cupecoy

Late last summer, based on a tip from a long-time very good source in the hospitality industry, we broke the story about two new residential towers that were to be built between the Mullet Bay golf course and the former Atlantis casino complex, now Starz, which was wrecked by hurricane Irma.

This past week, we published high-resolution images of the twin 21 story towers slated for construction and now represented by Sotheby Realty. They were on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Named Mullet Bay Residences, the structures drew immediate fire from a number of people seeing the picture for the first time. They said it was out of character, more suited to Lauderdale, too tall, etc.

We contacted the developer and asked several questions, some of which were quickly answered..

Ophélie Haillant, Managing Director, Jordan Village Agency, told us:

"For anti-seismic, it will be the European norm called Eurocode norm. And for hurricane the materials chosen will be 400 km/h resistant. It will be fully concrete with resistant windows."

We later asked whether the SXM fire department has ladder equipment capable of reaching the highest floors of both expected towers, but we did not receive a response to that later question by press time.

When we do, we'll publish it in the next available issue of *SXM Weekly News*. You can find the photography and the comments on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) by searching for Mullet Bay Residences.

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## 13. Indigo Bay Developer Is Bankrupt

The developer of the sprawling Indigo Bay commercial and residential development near the at Cay Hill scenic overlook has been allowed to declare bankruptcy.

The complete story with all the details is [here](#).

We've asked Stefan Fox, a noted SXM attorney who has clients involved with this development, for answers to a few questions. Particularly, we want to know how this will impact people who already reside in the area, and how it will impact people who have paid money for a home which has not yet been completed.

Stefan's answers didn't reach us in time for publication in this issue, so they'll be published in our next available issue. Stay tuned.

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## 14. Diamond Resorts Comes Up Short in Opinion Poll

Over the years, a number of SXM timeshare resorts have plunged to remarkably low levels of customer appreciation on the part of their timeshare owners.

By far the worst of these, timeshare owners say, was developer Ray Sidhom who bought the Caravanserai timeshare resort at bankruptcy auction and immediately sent a cryptic email to its timeshare owners telling them their contracts were null and void. A number of timeshare owners took offense, got a lawyer, and took Mr. Sidhom, a credit card processing magnate, to court. They won, but Sidhom has been holding things up in court with appeals ever since.

For years, Sapphire Resort also was unpopular as its developer and his son, the Verdiers, allowed that resort to deteriorate to the extent that the government came in and told them to fix it. Also, the ability of timeshare owners to trade into or out of Sapphire was suspended for about a year by one of the leading timeshare resort condominium trading organizations. In recent years, reports from there have been better since the Verdiers brought in experienced, customer-oriented management.

Ocean Club, destroyed by hurricane Irma, and both Flamingo Resort and Royal Palm Resort, both owned by diamond resorts, have all received grade F from many of their timeshare owners for the near total lack of specific communications saying what is happening and when their resorts will reopen.

Timeshare owners now know that Ocean Club will be demolished, but its future is a big question mark. Although both Flamingo and Royal Palm are expected to be rebuilt, Diamond Resorts has been roundly criticized for its lack of communications with timeshare owners.

We posted a nonscientific poll on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) late last week and it became a lightning rod for criticism about Diamond Resorts. You can find it by doing a search of that site using "Diamond Resorts" as the search item.

If you are not yet a member of the [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#), go there, ask to join, and simply answer the brief vetting questions to be admitted. It contains an enormous amount of SXM information, photography, and tourist items of interest -- and of course we own and run it with lots of help from some very special Admins.

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## 15. SXM Timeshare Condo & Villa Rentals

With several timeshare resorts coming back online — Sea Palace and Atrium Resort, with others to follow soon -- 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 everythingxsm.com. Check them out.

Our timeshare rentals page was heavily updated a week ago and will undergo a new update this week.

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

#### 16. "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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**SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features**

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## 17. Lots of Activity Now in Simpson Bay / Kim Sha Beach

Hurricane Irma's destruction of most of the businesses on Orient beach led tour operators working for cruise lines serving the island to change their destination beach from Orient to Kim Sha, the beach between Atrium Resort and Royal Palm Beach.

Although there was increased activity on the beach, there wasn't much in the way of service businesses there. But apparently several business owners see this as an opportunity to leverage the commercial potential of Kim Sha.

Although nothing has as yet been announced on Kim Sha itself, we do know of two bar/restaurant developments that are in the works for the area. One of them is in entirely new venture, while the other, we are told, *may* be the reappearance of a Simpson Bay business that closed recently.

We'll keep you posted about what these are as soon as they are formalized/confirmed. More news is coming from the wider area of Simpson Bay as well -- we'll have that big news in a couple of weeks.

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## 18. McDonald's Exiting Philipsburg, Reopening Elsewhere

All the McDonald's on both sides of the island were damaged by hurricane Irma. All will be coming back online soon — with the exception of their long-standing store in Philipsburg, which has closed permanently.

## 19. SXM's "Fast Food"

Although we understand that most of our readers are not big on fast food, nonetheless occasionally some of us need a snack in a hurry and fast food fills that void

Despite what the preceding story says, SXM still has a fair number of fast food emporiums. They include several locations of Domino's; Burger King; McDonald's; KFC; and Pizza Hut.

The restaurant page of our main [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com) website lists a number of restaurants that we recommend. There's another list in our Restaurant of the Week feature in this issue.

Also check out the restaurants that have opened for lunch on the island after previously serving dinner only. Two of the best are Spiga, now Café Spiga in Grand Case and also iZi Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay opposite Pineapple Pete. Their lunch choices are delicious, perfect for lunch time appetites, and reasonably priced.

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## 20. Why Your Summer Vacation is Pivotal to The People of SXM

High season — which technically starts in mid December and concludes a few weeks from now — is the time when most tourist oriented SXM businesses make most of their money.

Of course, that didn't happen this year. In fact many businesses lost money trying to stay open with many resorts still closed and a relatively (and understandably) poor turnout by tourists.

Because more hotel and timeshare accommodations are coming online every month; because increased airlift will be coming online sooner rather than later; and because SXM needs your help, your next summer vacation should be on the island, especially if you can do it in July which usually offers the best weather of the year.

It's dry season then, so showers are few and far between. Hurricane season doesn't usually get chugging until the end of August. Weather is much less hot than the sweltering US, and it's also far less humid. Gentle trade winds usually keep things comfortable.

And of course, traffic in SXM during the summer is far more manageable than the vacation places you're used to in the US where traffic jams are the rule rather than the exception.

For much more on SXM as your summer vacation destination, see our [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com) website which delivers an enormous amount of information as well as timeshare and other villa rentals. Also check out our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) for still more information and answers to any SXM questions.

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## 21. Carnival Started Friday 3/16 With Jump Up

Carnival season is alive and well. The Dutch side 2018 Carnival began with the jump up parade in the Simpson Bay area on Friday, March 16. Here is the full [story](#).

More news follows this message:

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## 22. It's Yet Another Award for Spiga in Grand Case

Cafe Spiga Restaurant in Grand Case has received yet another prestigious award.

This time it's TripExpert's [2018 Experts' Choice Award](#). These awards are based on over 1 million reviews from 85 leading travel guides, magazines and newspapers. TripExpert told Spiga, "You've received the award because professionals recognize you as among the best restaurants in St. Martin. Congratulations!"

Cafe Spiga is featured as a winner on [TripExpert.com](#), where you'll see [this announcement](#).

## 23. SkyMed Bonuses Greatly Simplified & Updated

We've published a few SkyMed bonuses in recent months and SkyMed published its own bonus recently. We decided to simplify things so your "bonus" process is much faster and easier. Here are the details:

From SkyMed, about the new SkyMed Loyalty Program: 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 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 -- do plan to take advantage of it soon.

From JMB, SkyMed Bonuses (New): When you upgrade your annual SkyMed membership (bought through us) to a 3- or 5-year SkyMed Ultimate, or when you get a new Ultimate through us, we'll give you a JMB Website Supporters membership extension equal to the duration of your SkyMed purchase. All you need do is forward your

SkyMed "welcome" email to us, and ask for the JMB extension.

When upgrading to or purchasing a new 5-year SkyMed Ultimate membership (their best and *least expensive* product), if you opt for automatic renewals (which gives you their 10-year price guarantee), we will give you a 10-year extension of your JMB Website Supporters membership. All you need do here as well is forward your SkyMed "welcome" email to us, and ask for the JMB extension.

Note: if you are renewing your existing five-year Ultimate purchased through us, we'll give you a five year extension of your JMB Website Supporters membership. Again, you must forward us your "Welcome" email to get this, and request it.

All bonus years are for JMB Website Supporters memberships only. This offer may expire at any time. It's a great way to get SkyMed peace-of-mind and add to your JMB Website Supporters membership simultaneously -- and without it costing you anything out-of-pocket.

To qualify for any of our SkyMed bonuses, you must purchase / upgrade a SkyMed membership through us at getskymed.com, via phone at 508-747-8281, or directly with SkyMed International *if and only if* you tell them when joining that you were referred by Everything SXM / Jeff Berger. The bonuses do not apply to any memberships not purchased through us and are not combinable with any other offers.

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**For answers to SkyMed questions or to sign up, call us at 508-747-8281 or email us at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). Please use the subject "SkyMed."**

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Key Advantages of SkyMed Annual & Multiyear Memberships  
Versus Short-Term SkyMed Memberships:

SkyMed short-term memberships "Take You Home" to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. But when they expire, you must apply for new protection when you next travel - and serious changes in your health could make it impossible to qualify. Plus, family short-term coverage costs about \$15/day and that's a lot of money.

By contrast, SkyMed Annual and multiyear Ultimate family memberships currently cost only about \$1.30/day, and they give you family coverage\*. What's more, SkyMed Ultimate multiyear memberships offer even more protection -- including global coverage through our Global ETS program. And all annual or longer SkyMed memberships are guaranteed renewable at the current membership fee applicable to all members regardless of your age or health at the time of renewal. You could be 109 years old and still be protected by your SkyMed membership.

There is also no age limit to apply for SkyMed memberships -- and all pre-existing conditions are covered after a brief 90-day waiting period after your annual or multiyear membership begins. (They're covered in full immediately in short-term memberships.)

SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Why risk waiting? For answers to SkyMed questions or to sign up, call us at 508-747-8281 or email us at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). Please use the subject "SkyMed."

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## 24. Time To Get SkyMed Peace-of-Mind for Summer & Beyond

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,

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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](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) and he'll be happy to answer all your questions.

New Bonuses now in effect; see preceding story.

## 25. Restaurant of the Week

Returns next week...

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

Canoa, [www.canoasxm.com](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 5/21/17) Reopened as Cafe Spiga, new menu; redesigned; also now serving lunch. 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) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

Stone Restaurant, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17) Recently reopened.

Vesna Taverna, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 1/22/18). Reopened. Now open Wed through Sunday 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.

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## 26. 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 [everything.sxm.com](http://everything.sxm.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](http://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](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) as you saw above. We will resume shipping these on March 10 ... so order now.
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## 27. US/Canadian ExPats Living on SXM Can Get SkyMed Coverage Too

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 SkyMed bonus -- just extended and expanded -- is simple. See previous stories, above.

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](http://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](mailto: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.



## 28. 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](http://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](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) or [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto: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 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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## 29. 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.

Those out-of-pocket costs are huge: upwards of \$45,000 in many cases, and often far more.

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.

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## 30. 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](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml)

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

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

Look here for our PDF archives: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free\\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml). Most issues for the past few years are now online.

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- A. Where to Get Member Info: [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)
- B. Password Recovery Info: Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.
- C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) .Your username and password are required.

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