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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 6/9/2018 6/16/2018 Week 23 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Newly renovated and fully equipped Beaumontia building. View of ocean sunsets from balcony. Next to large pool/bar and 5 minute walk to beach. Two Cable TVs, WiFi, coffeemaker, microwave, and air conditioning throughout. Sleeps 4 (King bed in bedroom, two Murphy beds in living room). Full kitchen and dining area. Restaurants, bars/clubs, live music, shopping, casino and all water sports within 5 minute walk. Tennis and gym available. Saturday to Saturday. (Note: Renter pays \$50 timeshare tax upon departure.) \$1,150 Richard Cell: (631)339-1636 richard@richardcscheinberg.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 3/17/2018 3/24/2018 Week 11 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina This is a one bedroom unit on an upper floor of the of the upper B units (Bougainvillea bldg). It has a spectacular sunset view and overlooks the B pool. It was recently upgraded and includes two Murphy beds in addition to the main bedroom. Asking \$8,000 US Donna 865-458-0426 tbirdbill@yahoo.com

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1. Airport Getting \$50-Million Construction Loan

Nearly eight months after category five hurricane Irma slammed SXM, Princess Juliana SXM Airport is still waiting for full settlement from its insurance company. Faced with the daunting task of rebuilding the airport terminal from the roof down, the airport has now thankfully obtained a \$50-million loan to get on with its urgent rebuilding program. Here is that story from the [Daily Herald](#).

Hopefully we will soon have a response from airport officials to several questions we posed to them. Nonetheless, one thing is obvious: the main terminal will not reopen in time for the 2018 – 2019 high season. The good news is that the substitute temporary terminals for inbound and outbound passengers are totally ready to go and already serving many passengers efficiently. Plus, they include many amenities passengers expect including food, drink, bathroom facilities, etc.

We'll keep you posted on how things proceed.

2. AA Resuming Flights Thru CLT

Despite significant demand from passengers for seats to SXM from a variety of gateways, American Airlines still seems to be dragging its feet on stepping up to the need. A competitor in many markets, jetBlue Airways, by contrast, resumed its daily nonstop flights from JFK to SXM several months ago.

So far, American is serving SXM only through Miami, which for many people creates grossly inconvenient

connections and the need to stay somewhere overnight enroute. As of now, the resumption of flights through Charlotte is scheduled to occur early in November, clearly too late for convenient summer travel to SXM from much of the country. We hope they bring flights through Charlotte back online much sooner. The fact is that many additional resorts will be coming online over the next two or three months, providing ample space for many passengers. All that's needed is greater airlift -- and American can supply that and add to its profits, if the price is sane.

3. AA Late/Early Flights From/To MIA Returning

After hurricane Irma hit SXM, American Airlines discontinued its late-night arrival from Miami, which had previously overnighted at Princess Juliana airport. That flight had enabled many people to make same-day connections from much of the country to SXM. The next morning, the same flight returned to Miami, enabling an expeditious same-day return home for most people.

The lack of that overnighting flight during the last several months has made getting to SXM and returning home in the same day difficult, as we've noted here. The return of this flight — coupled with the return of Charlotte service, both of which are happening in November — will be a significant boost to the island's economy.

What would be even better, of course, is if American could find a way to resume the service in June, so passengers seeking summer vacations in SXM could easily make that happen. Accommodations will be online all summer long: all that's needed is convenient flights to get people to and from SXM.

We don't care who provides them: JetBlue intends to provide service to SXM through Fort Lauderdale in the future, so perhaps they could accelerate that service and eat American Airlines' lunch in the process.

4. RC "Symphony of the Seas" Downright Humongous

Not too many years ago, we wrote about Oasis of the Seas from Royal Caribbean — at that time, the largest cruise ship on the planet. Oasis has been supplanted in that position several times since. Now, Symphony of the Seas, Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, also grabs the title of the largest cruise ship in the world — for now.

Of course, it will be serving SXM.

Here's [substantial information](#) on Symphony of the Seas.

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5. Seaborne Airlines Acquired by Silver Air; So What?

Seaborne Airlines has long been a codeshare partner of a number of US carriers, enabling connections to SXM via San Juan from multiple US cities.

Now, Seaborne has been acquired by Silver Airways, a small carrier with a significant footprint in Florida. Our sense is that this is likely to mean easier trips to SXM from more rural airports served by silver. Here are [details](#) on the acquisition. And here are [route maps for both airlines](#).

6. Heavy Rains, Flash Flooding Possible Next Weekend

Somewhere east of the Bahamas and north of Puerto Rico and the Northeast Caribbean, chief meteorologist Rob Lightbown of Crown Weather is saying that a tropical system may form late this week.

If it does, that means heavy rain and some flash flooding could occur in SXM and on some neighboring islands starting on Friday and lasting through all of next weekend. If this happens and any watches or warnings are issued, they will appear on our site, [everythingSXM.com](#) in its Weather Center.

If you live or work anywhere which has ever been or might ever be in the path of any tropical cyclone, we urge you to go directly to the source for all the information you need about tropical weather. That source is [CrownWeather.com](#), the private forecasting service we have used for many years. Their forecasting service is available to individuals and businesses at a surprisingly low rate; we urge anyone potentially in the path of any tropical system to subscribe now, since this hurricane season according to Lightbown is very likely to start early.

7. Current SXM Weather Info (Updated)

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.

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.*

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

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

9. Sonesta Great Bay Being Demolished

The former Sonesta Great Bay beach hotel, now owned by Sunwing airlines, is being demolished. Only a couple of years ago, the hotel received major renovations costing in excess of \$20-million, approximately. It was no match for Irma, however, which essentially destroyed it. Messages left with Sunwing concerning when renovations will be completed and the property reopened received no reply by press time.

-----> **See also story #34 to learn exactly what's coming to this property.**

10. What's Happening at Westin: "SXM Strong's" View

Jon Ferlise of SXM Strong posted a narrative live video this past week of extensive work now underway at both Dawn Beach Club and the Westin. You'll see his video posted on our [Everything SXM Facebook site](#), Just search for SXM Strong and you'll see his entire video (reposted by our Admin, Contessa Aiello); very informative and useful

info.

11. Hundreds of SXM Timeshare & Villa Rentals Available

With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, and Atrium Resort, with Divi, Simpson Bay, and Oyster Bay Beach following quickly -- 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: they were heavily revised twice last week and will be updated again this week.

-----> **See also Story 34 Re: Planet Hollywood Resort Hotel / Casino Coming to SXM.**

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

12. JMB 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.

We expect to start adding new discounts and benefits in the next week or so. Please stay tuned; special special messages will be sent to all JMB Website Supporters members as the newest benefits are rolled out.

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

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

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13. For Many SXM Residents, "Irma" Is Far From Over

Although work continues everywhere across the island on rebuilding and repairing, beaches are open and inviting; many restaurants have been open for months and are greeting vacationers with extraordinary fare; and a significant number of timeshares, hotels, and villas have already reopened and are welcoming lots of guests.

The experience of withstanding the most powerful category five hurricane in Atlantic basin history will never be escapable for anyone who was on the island.

There's a lot of PTSD in SXM — still. And if you think homes were repaired quickly and everyone is back to normal, you'd be wrong. Many homes were destroyed and many more lost their roofs. Many SXM residents continue to live with friends or family now, some eight months after Irma tore through the island. We continue to hear that a number of people are still living in their cars, many of which were also heavily damaged or destroyed. So if you are warmly greeted by many locals, it's a thoroughly honest greeting by people who have been through rather enormous trauma and who are grateful to see you visit and support their island.

If your plans for vacation this summer are not yet solidified, you owe it to yourself to consider coming to SXM. The island will be uncrowded; virtually all restaurants will be open; and the beaches are as beautiful as you can imagine. Car rental prices will be about half their regular winter rate, and possibly lower.

You can also get discounts on virtually everything you'll be doing all summer long through membership in our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program; for information on that, click the page curl at our site,

everythingSXM.com.

Thank you for returning to SXM.

14. SXM Hurting Financially

These are not good times for SXM's economy.

The island has long depended on tourism as its major source of revenue. Thanks to Irma, and the serious damage it caused to island hotels and timeshares, many of which are only now starting to reopen, until this point few accommodations have been available for tourists. That's changing rapidly, but serious damage has already been done to the economy since revenues throughout high season have been far lower than normal. Here's an editorial of interest from the [Daily Herald](#).

The good news, as we reported last week, is that more than half a billion dollars in aid is coming from the World Bank to the Dutch side alone, with even more going to the more heavily damaged French Side,

15. SXM Domino's Pizza Honcho Sounds Off on Tourism

When John Caputo first came to SXM more than two decades ago, he was selling out of a pizza truck where his current Welfare Road store is now located, not far from Pineapple Pete.

Today, his Caribbean Domino's operation covers multiple SXM locations and several other Caribbean islands.

Since he's been involved in business on SXM for many years, he can speak with authority about tourism on SXM and business in general.

He made these comments on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) and we want to repeat them for our SXM Weekly News readers:

"Once again sitting in the departure hall about to board my flight back to St. Maarten and I can't help but notice...and worry that our tourist loyalists are aging out and we as an island are doing very little to attract new ones.

"This was an issue well before Irma and Maria so we can't use that crutch as an excuse. Take a look at the tourists dining, walking down the beach, or shopping and you will see what I'm speaking of.

"We have now an amazing opportunity as we are at the ground zero of rebuilding our hotels, airport, port, and overall infrastructure. We need to take this chance to also rethink and rebuild our tourism strategy as a whole. We need to incentivize airlines and properties to be able to provide value and thus attract a new generation of tourists to visit what in my opinion STILL is most amazing place on earth....St. Maarten."

Our Opinion: The island is making moves in the right direction with the new 450-room Planet Hollywood Resort / Casino coming to Great Bay (see story 34) and the new Rainforest Adventures project at the Emilio Wilson Estate. But much more needs to be in the pipeline; see next story.

16. SXM Invisible To Tourists: How That Must Change Now

For as many years as anyone can remember, St. Maarten has been invisible in the US media.

You see virtually no advertising for the island in magazines, newspapers, or on radio or TV or the web. Nor do you ever hear of vacations in SXM being offered as prizes on television programs. We think it's entirely fair to say that the biggest boon to SXM tourism is what we do on everythingSXM.com and on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) — but those efforts are nowhere near what SXM needs to get people to return to the island next high season, let alone this coming summer.

As we understand it, SXM spends perhaps a couple of million dollars a year to promote tourism through highly limited promotion. By contrast, Aruba spends in excess of USD\$20-million per year and it gets far more tourists than SXM.

As we reported, SXM is receiving in excess of USD\$580-million in funds from the World Bank via the Kingdom of the Netherlands — and that just covers the Dutch side. We believe that the French side will be receiving substantially more.

Recovery is more than replacing bricks and mortar (or cinder blocks and mortar). It is also making sure that there is thoroughgoing promotion once the island is totally ready for tourists — and early fall is when those decisions are going to be made.

To be sure, timeshare owners will be back, as long as their timeshares are available. But SXM needs more hotel rooms, as John Caputo suggested in the preceding story, and it needs to make sure those rooms are filled with stayover tourists. Of course there are also timeshare rentals, other condo rentals, and hundreds of villas available for rent on SXM. And the infrastructure of the island also needs to be upgraded to ensure that people can get around easily, perhaps with hurricane proof people-mover systems through busy areas like Simpson Bay to cut the number of cars jamming that area.

But none of this will mean anything without a committed program of marketing, particularly in North America. Magazines, newspapers, radio, television, web, heavy social media, and more.

The island should be able to squeeze first-year funds from the \$580 million coming from the World Bank: it's a legitimate expenditure to bring people back to an island which many people still think was totally destroyed. It's one island: it's essential that it be marketed as one island with the Dutch and French Sides working together for their common good.

You cannot convince people to come back to SXM if you don't show them and tell them that there's a lot for them on the island, right now. *SXM has never taken promotion seriously and now, of all times, especially because of its financial situation, it's time for the island to grab this opportunity and fight for the business that the island deserves.* Sitting back and assuming that people will simply arrive is great if your objective is bankruptcy. That is not the island's objective: it must get serious about promotion to drive revenues across the island in the coming years.

17. "American Clinic" Medical Tourism Project Is Dead

Several years ago, forward-thinking government and private sector individuals gathered in Simpson Bay to talk about a major marketing opportunity that was available to the island: medical tourism. Basically, medical tourism involves creating a sophisticated medical center with advanced technology and leading-edge capabilities staffed by world-class experts and making their services available to well-heeled tourists from overseas who would have surgery on the island and spend time recovering there in high-end facilities. Of course, it would also be available to locals who formerly had to go overseas for the most sophisticated treatment options.

The original plans called for the facility to be built in the open area just south of Royal Palm Beach Resort, on Kimsha beach. When it became obvious that the Roxxy nightclub was going in that exact spot, we contacted one of the people involved with the American Clinic. He told us that the project, at least for now, is dead. It's our hope that the project will be revived by the same forward-thinking people; it's an outstanding idea with great potential. SXM is a perfect spot for it, since it is the second largest airline hub in the Caribbean....

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18. "Below Deck" Relocates from SXM to Tahiti

Bravo's Below Deck series, which purports to show crew interactions aboard a megayacht, was based for multiple seasons in SXM. It filmed on SXM in March of last year, and episodes were broadcast late last summer and early in the fall. The final episode included heartfelt comments about SXM devastation from hurricane Irma from Capt. Lee, longtime yacht skipper on the program.

The show — not to be confused with Below Deck Mediterranean, a similar series with a different venue and Capt. — relocated to Tahiti for this year's filming, which has already been completed. It is expected to be broadcast late this summer and early this fall. It is not yet known where the original Below Deck series will film next March, assuming it is renewed. A number of crew members who were on the yacht in SXM are also featured in the program that was shot in Tahiti.

We'll publish more as show time approaches.

19. Last Week, Another Annoying GEBE Blackout

With much fanfare about a month after Irma hit SXM, GEBE announced that virtually all its service had been restored. Despite that, the reality was that there were some residential areas that didn't get full power back until quite a bit later.

Beyond that, GEBE -- which is government owned but independent -- continues having a hard time generating electricity dependably. In fact, St. Maarten media has been compared its reliability to systems in Zimbabwe -- which may well be an insult to Zimbabwe.

Last week, there were one or two additional blackouts which tarnished the island's hard-earned reputation as a vacation Mecca and aggravated its already precarious economy. The independence of GEBE is a problem; despite new management over the last few years, undependability persists. It's not the workers' fault: management is ultimately responsible for quality and dependability and it appears quite clear even to casual observers that it continues to deliver neither.

SXM cannot afford this. It's time for the Dutch Side government to move decisively, to clean house, to remove current senior management and bring in people with a real track record of productivity in this business. Enough is quite enough.

20. On The Dutch Side, Carnival Is In Full Swing

At this writing the Dutch Side Carnival is having its last hurrah. Lots going on. More is [here](#). Main website is [here](#).

21. Top SXM Car Rentals

Our SXM Island Discount Program, JMB Website Supporters, offers discounts across SXM on everything - including car rentals. Among the best companies in terms of service -- all offering discounts to our JMB members -- are [Tropical/Tropicana](#) Car Rental, [Leisure Car Rental](#), and [Thrifty](#). Please also see story 25.

22. Rima's Beach World Alive & Well

For years Rima's Beach World in Philipsburg was the center of the Caribbean souvenir universe, offering hundreds of beachwear items bearing the names of many islands. It had perfect items for you plus lots of gifts for people back home.

Although the owners closed their retail store, both their wholesale operation and their e-commerce website are alive and well. In fact, their site has long offered discounts to our JMB Website Supporters members -- discounts north of 30%. Regardless of whether you've ever used Rima, [go to their site](#) and check it out. See our JMB Website Supporters members-only "secret" website for details on how to get your exclusive discount for JMB members.

Still not a JMB member? See [everythingxsm.com](#) and click the page curl for details on the benefits of JMB membership.

23. Spiga Closed for Vacation Until May 6

Time for Lara and Ciro to take a little well-deserved time off; see more about their amazing restaurant [here](#).

24. Snoopy's Bar & Restaurant Debuts: Expect Singing?

We've not visited this restaurant, in Simpson Bay where the "Wharf" had been. Jim A., a reader from Virginia, writes: "Snoopy's Bar and Restaurant is providing music and great food. Check it out and report on it. It's owned by a locals Horsford and Nancy Shillingford, ("Hos" is of YouTube fame as the singing bartender at Toppers for many years). It's next door to SkipJack's...

Here's more on [the singing](#).

25. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors

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[Jennifer's Vacation Villas](#) has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Site*.

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26. Unexpected Surprises End Several SXM Vacations

Think your vacations are full of eventful days? Look at these:

A recent Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for

emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cole Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A member of the clergy fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Mary Beth and her partner Don were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

An MD from Florida who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed *which arranged and paid for* an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: big time.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in all these cases. *SkyMed took its members home in a private, ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works.* That one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.35/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

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Nobody is immune: anything can happen anywhere. Do it today. To learn more, visit www.getskymed.com. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters at the beginning of this section.

27. Expert Answers About SkyMed

Got questions about SkyMed? Call Jeff directly any weekday at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only). Leave a message if he's on the other line, with your phone number and time zone. Some SkyMed info is below and Jeff can answer all your remaining SXM questions. He has been a SkyMed Ambassador for many years.

What it Is: SkyMed is a Scottsdale, Arizona, based medical evacuation membership company. It "Takes You Home" if you're a SkyMed member when you become critically ill or injured while traveling anywhere in the United States (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global coverage, offering services in the rest of the world (except where the U. S. State Department has issued [travel advisories](#)), is available as an option on annual memberships and is included in multi-year "Ultimate" memberships, through SkyMed company GETS, Global Emergency Transport Services. Americans, Canadians, and ExPats living in any of the countries named here are eligible to apply for membership.

What Medical Evacuations Cost Without SkyMed: At the low end, medical evacuation flights aboard private specially-outfitted and staffed "air ambulances" usually cost anywhere from \$35,000 to \$70,000 *payable in cash in advance, before anything happens.* Prices from Mexico and some distant parts of the world can cost far more. For SkyMed members, SkyMed arranges and pays for all the services it offers. There are no claims forms, no deductibles, no pre-payments for services by you with you waiting for SkyMed reimbursements -- no hassles. You make one phone call to SkyMed and SkyMed handles everything. *Medical evacuations are typically never covered by your health insurance policies.*

What it Covers: A complete, highly thoughtful spectrum of important evacuation-related services. Download the complete list with descriptions [here](#).

How It Works: As you would in any medical emergency anywhere, get to a hospital right away when you become critically ill or injured. You can call SkyMed at their toll-free number (or collect from outside the US) when you first get to the hospital if you like, to make us aware of the situation. Once the medical staff has given you emergency care, call SkyMed from the hospital so we can talk with those handling the member's care. Critically ill or injured members must be stable for medical evacuation air travel to occur safely. SkyMed keeps you informed every step of the way, and SkyMed arranges and pays for the ambulance from the hospital to the airport; the medevac jet to your destination city; and the ambulance from that airport to the hospital. We will already have obtained and transferred your records to the destination hospital, where a bed will be waiting for you and a team will be ready to help you. We take you home where your support system is and where your health insurance works. All you pay is your SkyMed membership fee; SkyMed arranges and pays for all the services it provides for you.

JMB Website Supporters Members Get Discounts & Bonuses: Discounts are available on all multiyear SkyMed memberships. Ask Jeff for details; see the end of this story. Bonuses available give you additional years on your JMB membership when you buy a new multi-year SkyMed membership from us or upgrade a SkyMed membership bought from us to multi-year. After buying, simply notify support@jmbcommunications.com of your SkyMed purchase and you get an equal number of years added to your JMB membership.

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Where to Get Answers To Your Questions: Call SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger any daytime or evening at 508-747-8281. He can answer all your questions and even complete an application with you in about 10 minutes. Often, you'll have SkyMed's reply in one or two business days. You can also email Jeff at jeff.berger@skymed.com or jeff@jmbcommunications.com (with the subject SkyMed); please include your phone number and area code.

SkyMed Takes You Home®: What else matters?

28. Grand Case Restaurant Piazza Pascal For Sale

Very popular for many years, [Piazza Pascal](#) in Grand Case is for sale. The link shows you the restaurant and what they've been serving...very impressive. Here is the [for sale listing](#). They are right on Boulevard de Grand Case -- and the price is a lot lower than you might expect.

29. Get the Latest Island Updates As They Happen

Between issues of *SXM Weekly News*, we send bulletins to members of our [JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program](#), and we publish updates on many things on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). You can find out more about both by clicking their links.

When hurricane season starts (June 1), we'll be posting regular updates on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) and lots of forecasts, watches, and warnings, plus real-time satellite images and loops in the Weather Center on our

main site, everythingsexm.com. Check them out.

30. JMB Anniversary Sale ---- Last Call, Final Week; Ends 5/6

JMB Website Supporters was founded 16 years ago, in April, 2002, after a month of testing. And JMB Communications was formed in June, 1990, almost 28 years ago: so it's time to celebrate with one of our most popular sales of the year. Sale ends next Sunday May 6; act today so you won't miss it.

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31. Restaurant of the Week: Mario Bistro, Porto Cupecoy

Mario Tardiff's legendary Bistro in Marigot relocated to its gorgeous new location next to Simpson Bay lagoon in Porto Cupecoy a few years ago. In our opinion, it is one of SXM's very best restaurants of any kind.

The view outside is beautiful but the view inside -- of Mario's highly creative continental cuisine -- is extraordinary. Service is top notch; menu choices deliver a spectrum of flavors, textures, and fragrances; and the taste of everything here is flat out extraordinary. Mario's Bistro is a multi-time winner of our prestigious Everything SXM Award of Excellence. By all means go, and tell Mario we sent you.

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.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 4/30/18 Mario's Bistro reopened a few weeks after Irma hit and looks forward to your return. Phenomenal dining.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 4/9/18) Reopened as Cafe Spiga, new menu; redesigned; also now serving lunch. New bar, new bar snacks, same great staff, service, and wonderful food.

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.

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.

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 (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) Recently reopened.

Vesna Taverna, 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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32. 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 June, 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 will change. All vacations are subject to availability.

- an 8-day, 7-night vacation at La Vista Resort, May through December 2018.
- a 5 night stay (based upon availability April 10-Dec 18, 2018) in an ocean front room at the Westin St Maarten Dawn Beach Resort, Spa, and Casino.
- a 4-day, 3-night stay at the beautiful Oyster Bay Beach Resort.
- Dinner for Two at Davide Foini's legendary IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort. (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Spiga, the highly acclaimed Italian Restaurant in Grand Case. (One winner.)

Enter here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml

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

33. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look here for our PDF archives: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml. Most issues for the past few years are now online. Back issues are expected to be updated (at long last) this week.

34. Planet Hollywood Resort / Casino Coming to SXM

Sunwing Airlines months ago bought the Sonesta Great Bay Resort from the Maho Group. This is their update on what's going there:

"As you may or may not know, the Sunwing Travel Group owns a hotel company called Blue Diamond Resorts, based in Barbados, which operates over 15,000 rooms throughout the Caribbean (www.bluediamondresorts.com). Within our hotel operations we have seven different brands which offer different experiences and levels of quality.

"I am happy to advise that we have picked our newest and most vibrant luxury brand, Planet Hollywood (www.planethollywoodhotels.com), to be the flag on the new hotel in Sint Maarten. We believe that this brand will allow us to achieve a higher daily rate and bring a level of cache to SXM which will be required in order to jump start the destination. The hotel will feature the following:

- 450 rooms (depending on whether we get the permits for the increased height)
- 5 restaurants including a burger joint from the famous TV personality, Guy Fieri
- 20,000 sq ft Casino
- A Planet Hollywood Beach Club on the adjacent land.
- A world class spa

"And much more."

As always, *SXM Weekly News* will keep you posted. As we reported last week, demolition of the current Great Bay property, destroyed by Irma, is now underway.

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

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