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

FLOATING WEEK 4/14/2018 12/15/2018 Atrium 1 bedroom 1 bathroom oceanfront-sleeps 4 w/ very comfortable sofa sleeper in living room. Full kitchen. Usually 5th floor and above depending on week and availability so great view of Simpson Bay and sunsets. Free parking and security. Laundry facilities available. Restaurants in walking distance as well as Hollywood casino. Renter will be responsible for \$50 timeshare tax and utility/environmental fee upon check out. We also will be renting week 47 so you can use this floater as week 46 or 48 to stay in same resort(probable unit change) for 2 weeks \$975 Jeff- 920-205-1597 or Suzi- 920-450-5114 [sperlewitz@new.rr.com](mailto:sperlewitz@new.rr.com)

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

SALE 2/9/2019 2/16/2019 Week 6 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Flamboyant bldg. Two bedrooms,two bathrooms, two patios upper and lower. Unit is directly on the beach. Close to pool also with swim up beach bar and grill. Downstairs has capacity to sleep two more with pull down Murphy beds. Total 6 comfortably. Fully stocked kitchen, dining, living room, master suite, bath, patio overlooking beach, lower level. Upper level master suite, bath , full patio as well. Directly on beach, fantastic views, and beach access. Stainless, granite, all new furniture. Resort has many pools, casino, shopping, grocery,bakery,restaurants,tennis,playground. \$21,000.00 Karen 774-264-1267 [Rinkydyl51@aol.com](mailto:Rinkydyl51@aol.com)

### **Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:**

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

**1. Hurricane Season Starts 6/1; Storm Names**

The 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins About 2 1/2 weeks from now, on June 1, and officially ends November 30. The 2018 season is expected to be front loaded since weather conditions are transitioning from a La Niña to, eventually, El Niño, which may be more hostile to tropical development.

Here are storm names for 2018:

Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Kirk, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sara, Tony, Valerie, William.

**2. Download NHC's Hurricane Tracking Chart**

Years ago, before we were all saturated with weather information from cable TV to local (redundant and repetitive) news and forecasts plus weather updates and bulletins on our smart phones, gas stations and television stations offered printed hurricane tracking charts so people at home could try to figure out for themselves whether they were about to get slammed by the latest hurricane.

We haven't seen hurricane tracking chart handouts for years, but if you want one they are easy to come by. The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are available for download from the NHC [here](#). Select "Atlantic" and you're good to go. You can print out the chart and use it repeatedly, or simply print a bunch of them and use one for each storm that may approach an area of interest -- like, SXM. Bear in mind that this hurricane season may well be frontloaded, as noted in the previous article — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

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### 3. WestJet Pilots Take Strike Vote

The Canadian airline WestJet resumed flying to SXM only last week, providing the only nonstops from Canada. But this week, its pilots, who have never had a contract, voted to strike on or about next Saturday, May 19, if their current negotiations with the airline aimed at getting a contract agreement don't bring the desired results.

WestJet said it wants successful negotiations. Rival Air Canada said it would do whatever it could to accommodate passengers displaced by any potential work stoppage, but that doesn't help people bound for St. Maarten since no one but WestJet currently flies to SXM from Canada.

Late last week, WestJet did say that it will provide full refunds to any passengers displaced as a result of the strike, if it happens.

Negotiations continue. We will publish any significant developments from the negotiations on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) as soon as we receive them.

*Thanks to our Canadian correspondent M. R. for this story.*

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### 4. Spirit Air Customer Service Slammed in Poll

Over a number of years, we've seen many criticisms of Spirit Airlines, the low-cost carrier that resumed service to SXM this past week.

We decided to conduct an unscientific poll of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) readers concerning Spirit. To us, the results were no surprise, since they reflected opinions we've been hearing for years: many SXM tourists slammed the carrier, particularly concerning the quality of their customer service and the fact that as a low-fare carrier, they nickel and dime passengers for just about every imaginable expense.

You'll find the post and the poll on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

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### 5. When to Renew Your Passport

First, please heed this admonition: never wait until the last minute to renew your passport.

The best time to renew is at the beginning of an extended period when you won't need it. Otherwise, you could find yourself discovering that your passport is about to expire shortly before you are due to travel with it.

*Renewing a passport on an urgent basis can be quite expensive and time-consuming.* Although in the recent past, passport renewals have taken as little as three weeks, past performance is no indication of future results; the turnaround you receive could be considerably longer.

Again, the best time to renew is at the beginning of an extended period during which you're not going to need it. Much more about passport renewal was contained in a recent thread on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). Use the "search" window there to find the story.



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## 6. Current SXM Weather Info (Updated)

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.

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

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

### **8. Divi Resort Reopens**

Divi Little Bay Beach Resort reopened as scheduled on Saturday, May 12. They were widely expected to be one of the first resorts to reopen since they suffered comparatively little damage from hurricane Irma. After the storm, much of the resort was occupied by Dutch Marines, who came to the island quickly to help get things back in order — and many of whom stayed at Divi and at Simpson Bay Resort, which has also largely reopened.

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### **9. Flamingo Resort Update**

Yvonne M. reports from SXM:

"Flamingo update this week---there are jackhammers going all day long in many buildings, work on the outside has slowed too as inside demolition progresses. They may be waiting for roofing materials to arrive, that will be a lot of material.

"Something new--landscapers are on many grounds areas keeping things growing and looking nice. They are at most of the buildings and the effort is paying off especially with the great rains we have had in the past two weeks.

"The beach is cleaned up to the corner between the studios and two bedroom apartments... the debris is larger and heavier in that space. We plan to get over there this weekend and try to finish the job. The clearing we did previously is holding well AND we see people in the surf more often, so the beach is welcoming people back!

"I ran into our longtime and favorite (and often commended Flamingo maintenance man), Rafael Richardson. He is working on some of the interior Flamingo work in progress. (HOORAY!) But the good news is that he said the "new Flamingo" will be so much better than the former one that was "wearing out." He said we are all going to be so happy with the changes. I figure someone who worked on the "guts" of the buildings for all those years, is a pretty good judge of the old and coming new and working on it now he is in the know. He was so positive and upbeat, I left feeling hopefully inspired and posted my old photo from the balcony of 7212 of the rainbow. ... (Copied and pasted from my post on Flamingo Royal Palm Facebook page.)"

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### **10. Royal Islander Resort Update**

Royal Islander recently wrote to its timeshare owners:

"Dear Valued Members,

"Since our last update at the beginning of the year, we have dedicated the past three months to rebuild and repair sections of the buildings that were damaged by Hurricane Irma. The work is still ongoing with the scraping, repairing and reapplying texture to the walls and waterproofing our roofs, and now, we have started to focus on the interiors.

"Tortuga Restaurant is also being rebuilt from the ground up into a contemporary lounge bar and restaurant.

"Although the reconstruction and recovery processes are fully underway, due to many challenges beyond our control, we cannot confirm an official reopening date yet. We hope to confirm a date soon, however, as of now, we don't foresee reopening before October 1st, 2018.

"We would like to share with you a few renderings to give you a glimpse of the new look you will soon expect to see



at Royal Islander Club "La Plage" and its facilities.

"We thank you all so much again for your outpouring generosity, patience and support during the past few months. Every phone call, email, post, message and thought means the world to each one of us."

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## 11. Festiva Atrium is NOT For Sale

About two years ago, management at Festiva Atrium Resort produced an attractive PDF brochure about their property which included reference to its availability for sale at USD\$10-million. The brochure was dutifully posted on their website.

Time passed, and interest by resort owners in selling Atrium disappeared, management tells us.

More than a week ago, curious eyes on the Internet found that two-year-old PDF available for download from Atrium's website and a small, localized Internet sensation started. It was a reasonable conclusion that they wanted to sell, since the brochure was created by Atrium and posted on their own site.

*Several people who saw the Internet post inquired about it with the resort almost simultaneously, and were quickly informed that no, the resort is not for sale, and that the PDF's presence on the web had simply been overlooked. Shortly after the flurry began, the brochure was removed from their website and the flurry was over.*

Again, Atrium management says the resort is not for sale, so its timeshare owners should not be particularly nervous.

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## 12. Sea Palace Owners Face Big Assessments

Timeshare owners at St. Maarten Sea Palace resort in Philipsburg earlier this month received detailed information on what's happening with the resort in its relationship with Nagico, the largest insurer in the Caribbean. Nagico has been the subject of massive criticism due to the alleged slowness and incompleteness of its response to claims filed in the wake of hurricane Irma.

Bottom line, *SXM Weekly News* has learned that assessments in the neighborhood of roughly \$500 per timeshare week owned will be billed to all St. Maarten Sea Palace timeshare owners.

Details on the status of Sea Palace are in [this report](#) from the resort to its timeshare owners.

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## 13. Overall, Heavy Action at Major Timeshares

Visitors to SXM checking out the status of timeshare resorts across the island are reporting back on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) that there is action everywhere. Many timeshare resorts have already reopened, and serious action remains underway as remaining resorts work hard to get their properties ready for occupancy later this year, in most cases.

We've been constantly updating the Files area on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) to ensure that it has the most complete information available on the status of all timeshares across the island.

If you own timesharing in SXM and/or plan to rent timeshare weeks, check our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) for details on the status of your selected resort.

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## 14. Holland House Beach Hotel Open, Gorgeous

Late in 2016, working on assignment for a website used for reference by travel agents, we visited dozens of SXM

resorts one of which was the Holland House Beach Hotel in downtown Philipsburg. We were impressed by the beauty of the rooms, how quiet the property was despite its Philipsburg downtown location, and how clean and impressive the restaurant and bar were that are located on Great Bay beach.

Virtually every hotel or timeshare on any beach on SXM was seriously damaged by Irma. However, one of the first places to complete its restorations was Holland House Beach Hotel, which has now reopened.

We think you will find this [video](#) of interest.

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## 15. How to Walk Away from Your Timeshare

We believe that most timeshare owners in St. Maarten have units that are fully paid for. Most people who bought aftermarket timeshare resales paid comparatively little for them, so we'd suspect there again that most of those timeshare owners also already have paid off their properties. (It's a strong hunch.)

What if you've had your unit or units for a number of years and now want to move on, and do something else — how do you get rid of the units?

Each timeshare resort has its own procedures for turning back timeshare weeks you own. Some people simply send their resorts a note and tell them they're done, without filing any forms or paying any fees. Our gut tells us it's always best to do everything legal regardless of where you are.

*Making sure that what you do goes through normal legal processes simply involves contacting your resort and asking them what paperwork is required, and having them email it to you, along with any necessary instructions.*

*Regardless of what you do, we urge you to try to sell your week before turning it back to your resort. No harm in trying. See the timeshare rentals page on our main website, [everythingxsm.com](#); you can place ads on that heavily visited page if you are a JMB Website Supporters member. Info on membership is on the site as well; access it by clicking the page curl on [everythingxsm.com](#).*

Note: There is no common form or procedure with all resorts across the island. Most resorts want you to complete a one-page form and pay a nominal fee. If you sell your week, which is always a better alternative than just turning it back, in our opinion, you must file whatever forms are required by your resort. Some need notarization — and virtually all require fees set by the resort. Our main SXM website, [everythingSXM.com](#), publishes sale and rental ads for our paid JMB Website Supporters members. The page is quite busy and timeshare owners seem to get very good results from it. Selling your timeshare week isn't the same as walking away, but it will probably make you feel better because everything is very tidy -- and you do get paid.

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## 16. Hundreds of SXM Timeshare & Villa Rentals Available

With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, and Atrium Resort, with 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 [everythingxsm.com](#). Check them out: they were heavily revised during each of the last two weeks and will be updated again this week.

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

## 17. 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 continue to roll out a number of entirely new discounts and benefits.*

*We have now started adding new discounts and benefits. See next story, Please stay tuned; 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](#).

## 18. Three New Discounts Now Going Live for JMB Members

The latest car rental company to join our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program is Next Level Car Rental, which you may have seen advertised on the electronic billboard at Toppers restaurant in Simpson Bay.

It, like Leisure Car Rental, also a local company, is also female owned. You will be able to find more information about the discount that Next Level offers by logging into our members-only Secret Website and checking Car Rentals in the Discounts Master Index. It's live today (Monday).

More new discounts are coming very soon.

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## 19. Solving The Dump Problem a Top Priority: Knops

Dutch State Secretary of home affairs and kingdom relations Raymond Knops says the highest priority for SXM Is to

permanently solve the issue of the dump. [This story](#) from the SXM *Daily Herald* provides a full explanation.

See also story 22 for something quite significant the State Secretary told **SXM Weekly News** this weekend....

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## 20. Important French Side News Briefs...

Lots of news briefs from our ace reporter on the French Side who for now has chosen to remain publicly anonymous. Here we go:

a) The site where Simply Market was in Hope Estate near Orient has been completely cleared and fenced in. Simply had been bought by the Super U folks some time ago. Their intent was to open a new (presumably somewhat bigger) Super U in Hope Estate. Those plans were blown away by Irma. Site prep is underway. We'll keep an eye on it and let you know what happens. We think it could morph into a Hyper U, a larger format market somewhat similar to some in the US. We'll see. The contractor is Groupe Deldevert.

b) The owners of Sol E Luna are reopening Les Temps de Cerise but with 18 rooms. They also bought Le Pressoir, the most famous of all recent French Side / Grand Case restaurants, severely damaged by Irma and closed since the storm hit. And they bought Shambala.

c) Bacchus is opening on Front Street, Philipsburg, next month, and in Cupecoy where Escape (formerly FIG, Citrus and the Market) were located. Bacchus at Cupecoy is slated to reopen in November, and yet another Bacchus will open at the former location of La Vie en Rose in Marigot, where there are currently no other bakeries open.

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## 21. Should You Go to the French Side?

There are lots of rumors about whether the French Side is ready for tourism -- most of the from people who have not visited the island and / or have no knowledge of what's going on.

Contessa, one of three admins on our Everything SXM Facebook Site, recently returned from a multiweek SXM vacation where she stayed in the Oyster Pond area near the border, spending plenty of time on both sides of SXM. She knows SXM very well and put together this current, accurate, brief report:

" Some people are asking about the French sides' recovery. While it's been a little slower, there are so many reasons TO go to the French side. If you check our Files you'll see many restaurants open and ready to taunt you with deliciousness! Marina Royale is waiting for you. Marigot Marketplace is another great stopping point. Colorful and ready for business. (Check our Files on our Everything SXM Facebook Site). Grand Case has several fine restaurants open as well as Orient Village. Check them out. You'll be so glad you did.

Beaches.....there are 37 beaches and and did you know that 27 are on the French side? Not just Orient.

Speaking of water....there are several water sport activities open as well. Enjoy the unusual marine life. Many shops are ready for your business as well and are more unique than you'll find anywhere else, many one of a kind items, as well.

Discover this paradise island and return home with lasting memories of landscapes, historic sites, traditional buildings, history and encounters with locals.

Ah, yes.....lots to experience on the French side. Do explore and enjoy. Without your business the French side will not survive. Your contribution and support is extremely important to the preservation of the French side and it's culture. You'll be rewarded handsomely....

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## 22. Sargassum Seaweed Situation Stinks, Suffering Citizens Say

The Dutch Side dump is not the island's only festering problem; Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea has set its sites on SXM's scenic shoreline again. The stuff stinks -- until it's removed it is a nuisance to tourists, and for endangered sea turtles, hatchlings trying to get to the ocean find it difficult to traverse.

***We contacted both Sarah Wescot-Williams in the Dutch Side government and Kingdom of the Netherlands State Secretary Raymond Knops for comments. Mr. Knops told us that the seaweed situation "is a responsibility of the country SXM. Just like the landfill this must have priority and needs to be solved."***

We'll keep you posted.

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## 23. Carnival Dream's Brief Nightmare

A great example of "Fake News" appeared last week thanks to poor reporting by BBC (TV news in the US) and others of a broken pipe in the fire suppression system of the Carnival Dream cruise ship.

They used the word "Titanic" and "water pouring into staterooms" from which their audience could infer that the ship was taking on a lot of water and everyone was in danger.

It wasn't and they weren't.

A water supply pipe in the ship's fire suppression system let go in a hallway near several cabins. Crews came to shut the water off and fix the pipe, and spent several hours cleaning the hallway and all the staterooms. It was not that huge a deal. Carnival refunded the fares of all affected passengers, though that was only a small number....

The "nightmare" was more the adverse publicity than the actual event. It was unpleasant but was never dangerous to passengers or crew.



## 24. Chinese Hotel Still On, But Smaller

The "Pearl of China" apartment / hotel / trade center project on Little Bay near Little Bay Pond (down the beach from Belair Beach Resort) is going forward, its backers say, though in a slimmed-down version that supposedly looks less like an oversized cinder block and more like a resort.

We'll keep you posted and we'll have pictures -- if it ever actually starts construction.

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## 25. Condo & Hotel Projects Moving Forward...

A number of condo and hotel projects, mostly on the Dutch Side, continue to move forward. We've reported on them over the last year. We'll be looking closely at which ones are moving into construction and we'll be reporting on that in detail as we move closer to the next high season.

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## 26. It's Party Time at Isola for JMB Website Supporters Members

On Saturday evening we notified our JMB Website Supporters members about an upcoming members-only party now confirmed at Marco Ferrante's Isola Restaurant at Simpson Bay Resort next to Hollywood Casino later this month. Marco, formerly restaurant manager at David Foini's IZI in Simpson Bay, started at Isola more than a years ago. The entire restaurant has been reimagined, enclosed, greatly beautified, and even has live jazz on Thursday nights. Our party is on a Thursday... our message to JMB members gave some specifics and we posted pictures on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) this past weekend.

***If you're a JMB member on the island late this month, see the email we sent you Saturday night. It has details on how to register. Members only; limit, 50 people. We'll be sending more details to members later this week.***

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## 27. Cheerleaders Swimsuit Calendar Photo Shoot in SXM

New England Patriots Cheerleaders will be at Divi Little Bay Beach Hotel later this Summer for a Photo Shoot for their 2019 Swimsuit calendar.

[There may be a trip to SXM in this for you, folks...](#)

ST. MAARTEN — Divi Little Bay Beach Resort on St. Maarten has reopened just eight months after Hurricane Irma blew through the island, and the resort just announced it plans on hosting the Patriots Cheerleaders as they shoot their ever-popular annual swimsuit calendar and video productions.

"We're overjoyed that Divi Little Bay has reopened and that they're hosting the famed Patriots Cheerleaders this summer," said Marco Galaverna, Divi Resorts President & COO. "Rebuilding the resort has been a labor of love for management and staff, and I know they can't wait to welcome owners, guests, members, and now, the Patriots Cheerleaders too."

Fresh off a handful of charity events and appearances, the Patriots Cheerleaders selected Divi Little Bay on St. Maarten as their tropical destination to shoot their calendar and various videos from July 23-30. When they're not striking a pose for the camera, the cheerleaders will be interacting with guests with plenty of meet & greet opportunities including autographs, photos, games, activities and parties and participating in a community outreach project on St. Maarten. Plus, the cheerleaders will also be giving out calendars and posters to guests who booked during their stay.

..."We have a variety of exciting events planned for the week the Patriots Cheerleaders are here, so our guests and the people of St. Maarten have ample opportunities to meet the lovely ladies," said Divi Little Bay's General Manager Anne-Marie Brooks. "Plus, we're really looking forward to welcoming back our owners, members and past guests so they can see all of the wonderful upgrades we've made throughout the resort."

Travelers who book between now and June 30, 2018 will receive 30% off with Divi's Cool Breeze & Palm Trees offer. With rates as low as \$169 per night room only and \$195 per person, per night all-inclusive, and travel dates through the end of 2018, it's the perfect time to book.

Those interested in traveling during this special week can book an exclusive offer which includes 30% off rates and free daily breakfast for two, now through July 5th for travel from July 23 – 30, 2018.

Divi Resorts and Jet Blue have also sponsored a "Join The Party" trip where the public is invited to enter to win:

- 7-night/8-day stay for 2 in a studio suite July 23 – 30, 2018, at Divi Little Bay Beach Resort on St. Maarten
- 2 roundtrip flights on JetBlue (from anywhere JetBlue flies in the U.S.)

For official contest rules and to enter, visit [www.diviresorts.com](http://www.diviresorts.com).

Divi's Cool Breeze & Palm Trees offer runs from now until June 30, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. ET, for all 2018 travel dates. For reservations, book online at <https://www.diviresorts.com/cool-breeze-palm-trees.htm> or call 1-800-367-3484 (Toll-free US) or 1-919-419-3484 (International). For group reservations, please call 1-800-801-5550 or email [groupsales@diviresorts.com](mailto:groupsales@diviresorts.com).

This offer runs from now until through July 5, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. ET, for travel from July 23 – 30, 2018. For reservations, book online at <https://www.diviresorts.com/divi-patriots-cheerleaders-2018.htm> or call 1-800-367-3484 (Toll-free US) or 1-919-419-3484 (International). For group reservations, please call 1-800-801-5550 or email [groupsales@diviresorts.com](mailto:groupsales@diviresorts.com).

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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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## 29. Critically Ill or Injured? SkyMed **Takes You Home**®

***Emergency medical evacuations are payable in cash in advance and often cost upwards of \$45,000 -- unless you have a SkyMed membership. SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, and where your health insurance actually works. It's available to Americans and Canadians and to ExPats of both countries, taking them home from throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage is available covering every country around the world except those on the U. S. State Department watch list.***

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: huge.

A 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.

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 takes its members home, usually 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's just one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.30/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone in about 10 minutes. You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian expat living in SXM or certain other countries.

Nobody is immune: anything can happen anywhere. Do it today. To learn more, visit [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com). JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters in this section.

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## 30. 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](mailto: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](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) or [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) (with the subject SkyMed); please include your phone number and area code.

SkyMed Takes You Home®: What else matters?

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## 31. Restaurant of the Week: Avantika

Avantika is delicious, creative, authentic Thai dining in the heart of Simpson Bay. It has become our favorite Thai anywhere. Great atmosphere, top-notch service, reasonable prices, and fun people-watching too. Just go: you'll be hooked in a hurry.

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. The most recently featured restaurant is now at the top of our list.

Avantika Thai [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 5/14/18) Avantika is open. SXM's best Thai.

Mario Bistro [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://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](http://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](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.

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.

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.

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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## 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](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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## 33. 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. Back issues are expected to be updated (at long last) this week.

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### Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated

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### **SECTION 5: For Members Only**

- 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.

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

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