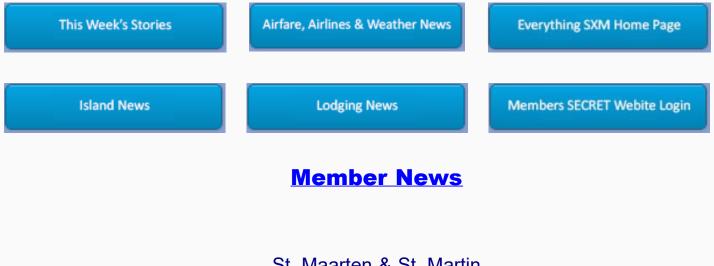
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SECTION 1: Getting There: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather

1. Uptick in Tropical Storminess May Be Lurking

Before the 2018 hurricane season started, Crown Weather Chief Forecaster Rob Lightbown said that conditions in the tropical Atlantic, along with an apparent evolution from La Niña conditions to El Niño conditions that was slowly unfolding, could possibly lead to a somewhat less busy than usual 2018 hurricane season, much of which would be front-loaded. The front-loaded part of his prediction has proved true, since three named storms have already passed through the tropics.

Unfortunately — perhaps — it now appears that any transition to an El Niño may take a backseat to a possibly warming tropical Atlantic, which could potentially cause storminess to develop to a greater extent this season than had previously been expected.

Below you will find some of the most important things that Rob has said over the last few days, plus an additional comment that is of real significance not only to residents of and visitors to SXM, but also to everyone who lives not far from shore along the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Peninsula, and the entire US East Coast northward to Atlantic Canada. Here goes:

The overall trend towards things really ramping up in terms of tropical storm/hurricane formation from mid August to mid October is concerning. Analysis of the ocean water temperatures over the central and eastern Atlantic Basin between the Lesser Antilles and the coast of Africa (referred to as the Main Development Region) continue to warm up as the trade winds across the region are lighter than they were even a couple of weeks ago or so. There are strong signals in the model guidance that suggests <u>the trade winds will remain light enough to allow</u> for continuing warming of the ocean water temperatures to above average readings during August and September

across the central and eastern Atlantic.

In addition to this, rainfall across the Sahel of Africa has been above average this year and this has led to the tropical waves pushing across the African continent being stronger than average this year. These tropical waves help to slow down the easterly trade winds and given that the tropical waves have been displaced a little further north this year, they are helping to warm up much of the Atlantic Main Development Region.

So, to me, it is concerning that the entire state of the Atlantic Basin may be shifting from one that was unfavorable for development (cool ocean water temperatures across the Main Development Region) to one that is currently becoming increasingly more favorable for development (near average and trending towards above average ocean water temperatures across the Main Development Region).

Now, to address the potential areas that could be at risk from any tropical storms or hurricanes. I think that there are two areas of concern:

The first is the area from the far northeastern Caribbean through the Bahamas and up the US East Coast from eastern Florida northward to southern New England. Systems this year have already been taking a path from the Bahamas northward to just offshore of the US East Coast (Chris was a great example of this). I suspect that we will see this continue with any tropical storms or hurricanes being guided from the far northeastern Caribbean through the Bahamas and then up the US East Coast. In fact, this was mentioned as a viable possibility in our 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season forecast issued back in early April. Many times the atmosphere can send a signal to how things are going to progress over the next few weeks and I think we are seeing this signal now with both Chris and the path of the remnants of Beryl.

The second area of concern is the area from the northwestern Caribbean to the northeastern Gulf of Mexico. I think this area could be a concern as we get a later in the season (after September 15) and I could see a scenario of another tropical system taking a path much like Alberto did back in late May – except this time, the tropical system could be much stronger than what we had with Alberto....

Rob then added this:

Lould see two scenarios in terms of tropical storm/hurricane formation between 8/15 and 10/15. First is a system that festers in the Bahamas (Bob/Carol) and then heads up the US East Coast. Already have seen something similar this year with Chris. Second is a long track system that moves very near to or even just barely north of the Caribbean and then heads for the US East Coast. Something like a Gloria or even worst case scenario, a Hugo.

Jeff's Comment: Again, if you live or work anywhere where Atlantic basin tropical cyclones have been known to land, I urge you to visit crownweather.com and enroll in Rob's very inexpensive private forecasting service. We've used it for years and regard it as highly reliable and very useful. You will be very happy with your decision.

For more information, see numerous satellite images in the Weather Center at everythingsxm.com. You will find lots more at Rob Lightbown's Crown Weather website, CrownWeather.com, with current info from him and us on our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Site</u>.

2. AA Further Increasing SXM Flights, Just Not From JFK

American Airlines is increasing service to SXM from both Miami and Charlotte later this year — but there is nothing new from JFK, at least not at the moment. JetBlue, which restarted its nonstop flights from JFK to SXM several months ago, is continuing that service. It has also reinstituted nonstops from Boston to SXM in the schedule extension it announced yesterday (7/15/18). See a separate article on JetBlue in this issue story #3.

Here is the latest information on American's plans for increased service to SXM.

3. JetBlue Orders 60 A220s; Significant to Caribbean

JetBlue Airways has ordered 60 A220 aircraft to completely replace its entire fleet of E190 aircraft from Embraer.

The rapidly growing carrier says the new aircraft will give it greater range, about 25% more seats, greater overhead bin space, and sharply reduced fuel burn compared with the E190s it will replace.

The news is of significance to people visiting St. Maarten since in some cases, the E190 aircraft has been used on SXM in addition to JetBlue's larger A320 and A321 aircraft with "Mint," JetBlue's upscale cabin configuration.JetBlue also just increased service to SXM during the winter, restarting its weekend nonstops from Boston in the schedule extension it announced yesterday. It is also expected to be adding nonstop SXM flights in the future from Fort Lauderdale.

Much more on this purchase is here.

4. Revenue-Obsessed Airlines Shrink Lavs on New Planes

Airlines in America have long been criticized for the lack of passenger legroom in coach seats. Airlines continue to cut the room in coach but now they're doing something that is causing even more outrage, not only among passengers but also among flight crew members; they're cutting space in aircraft lavatories by another several inches.

Complaints are coming not only from passengers who must contort themselves to be able to use the facilities, but also from the airlines' own crewmember / employees. Some of the loudest complaints are coming from people with disabilities, some of whom are saying that they are unable to maneuver inside the tiny lavatories with the door closed.

Increasing numbers of people are attempting to use the "facilities" in airports before flying — not exactly a bed of roses either — to avoid the need to use increasingly tiny lavatory space on board aircraft.

Here are details, including information about crewmember dissatisfaction.

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4a. Airport Suffering a Bit From Island's Rapid Recovery

There has been a lot of pent-up demand for lovers of SXM who weren't able to visit last winter, so Summer so far is a bit busier in many places than expected -- a great thing.

The airport briefly has limited capacity and on Saturday, one flight was cancelled due to mechanical trouble on the plane, so there were uncharacteristic lines in the tents at the airport.

Since this is low season, that's a good thing indeed.

Our SXM Airport Special Edition of *SXM Weekly News*, which you'll find <u>here</u>, has a lot of good news -- including details of arrivals and departures both returning to the first floor of the main airport terminal this November, and lots more (including new airlines, new flights, and Preclearance). So if you've been in those weekend crowds, don't worry, be happy for the island -- the crowding will soon pass.

5. Current SXM Weather Info

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u>, 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) <u>Crown Weather Services</u> whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business. 2) Our "Weather" page at <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u> -- 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 <u>Everything SXM Facebook Site</u>, 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 <u>www.island92.com</u>. 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: <u>http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG</u> .

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

Download your own NHC Hurricane 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 get.

The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are available for download from the NHC <u>here</u>. 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 — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

6. Get The *Lowest Rates* **for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals** *Around The World*

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

7. Riu Palace Sold to Apple Leisure Grp; Huge Changes Due

The Anse Marcel hotel once called L'Habitation — where world leaders met a number of years ago, some coming in the Concord supersonic jet — has gone through more reconstructive surgery than some aging Hollywood superstars. After it had been L'Habitation, it was a Radisson; a Radisson Blu; then, a Riu Palace, joining a chain primarily known in Western Europe.

The Great Recession and the oftentimes huge disparity between the Euro and the US dollar pummeled the resort financially — and then, last September, came Irma, the most powerful hurricane in Atlantic basin history.

RIU has been sold to Apple Leisure Group which said in a news conference with French side head of government Daniel Gibbs that it envisions a much more upscale property in Anse Marcel, apparently promising ambience and accoutrements along the lines of top resorts in St. Barths.

That's great news for SXM whose only other ultra-luxury resort, also on the French Side, is La Samanna, now being

rebuilt and preparing to reopen; for that story see our SXM Weekly News PDF Archives.

More great news, from the French Side government's perspective, was that no French Side jobs would be lost as a result of the upcoming changes. Since the French Side was hit even harder than the Dutch Side by Irma, that's huge.

You'll find many more details in this <u>video of the news conference</u>, where English-language explanations and descriptions begin about seven minutes in. All questions are not answered, but there's a lot of information in the video.

You can expect to see more about this both here in SXM Weekly News and on our Everything SXM Facebook Site.

8. ENNIA Insurance Situation Worsens; MB Towers Now Involved

After having suffered significant damage from hurricane Irma, the Towers at Mullet Bay timeshare resort has been working diligently to reopen later this year.

A property with a good reputation among its timeshare owners, the Towers was jolted a bit last week when its owner — who also owns the ENNIA insurance company, which has serious solvency issues — had a lien placed on his properties including the Towers at Mullet Bay

This <u>story</u> regards emergency regulation of ENNA ordered by the courts. This additional story regards <u>the lien</u>. So far, we have seen no definite word on whether there will be any effect from this activity on announced plans for the Towers at Mullet Bay to reopen this November. We don't expect any changes, but the reality is we do not know what effects the lien will have, if any.

9. Club Orient Update (New)

Only a couple of weeks ago, owners of Club Orient said they expected parts of the resort to start to reopen as early as late this year. Now, thanks to still more unexpected and unwelcome insurance drama, that early reopening appears to be in peril.Here is the latest from Club Orient:

Dear Friends of Club Orient,

Sorry it has been so long since an update. Nothing moves quickly down here. Usually that's a positive, but not in our current situation.

As we have discussed in previous missives, Club Orient is really two separate and distinct entities, OBC which is Orient Beach Club and is responsible for the resort and its employees and The Corpropriate which is like a Home Owners Association. The responsibilities are not designed to overlap. However, our common goal is to return Club Orient to the paradise we all have loved for over 30 years.

The Copropriate or Copro for short is responsible for the repair and rebuilding of the individual units, as well as many of the common area building like the Papagayo.

We were about to announce the repair and rebuilding of the resort had commenced and with some luck, be able to receive guests and owners back in November or December. For those of you who have visited us, you know the basic clean-up is already finished and the demo is underway. The construction fence is in place, for the first units to be brought back to life.

But, we have just been informed the timeline has hit a roadblock. Because of an action taken by a few people, they have temporarily halted the repair and rebuilding of Club Orient. I am not able to give you details, either in this posting or privately, but the Copro believes the delay will be rectified this Fall. The broad answer is the insurance money long promised is still delayed.

I am sure you are asking yourself how the insurance payment can just continue to drag out. Our delay is not unique for the island. In fact, we understand that **roughly half the claims on the island have yet to be settled.** Even the French Collectivité itself has only received about 20% of what they claim they are due and the airport is in litigation

with their insurance company.

This is incredibly sad news for all of us who love Club Orient and especially for our employees who were so excited seeing the recent progress, to be told they must wait even longer to return to work.

Accordingly, Copro must halt the construction work until the funds are received. This will result in us all needing to take a step back and reevaluate the schedule, but it definitely will mean that no units will be completed until 2019.

This delay will have a serious impact on us (OBC) as we will not be able to begin renting units for the fall and will force us to change our strategy regarding how we can proceed. You may remember OBC received our insurance proceeds in October. But, we have been having to pay partial salaries (chomage partiel), office rent and a host of other things for over ten months. It has taken a large portion of our proceeds to have gone this long with no revenue. But, thanks to the help of many of you, we're still here and still determined.

We are as frustrated as we know you are and believe us when we say no one wants to be back in our home, as much as those of us who have the privilege of working at Club Orient.

Thank you for everything and we hope these issues get rectified quickly and we can put the construction crews back to work.

From JMB: We will publish more on this as soon as we have it.

10. Hundreds of SXM Timeshare & Villa Rentals Available

With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, 3impson Bay Resort, with Oyster Bay Beach following quickly -- timeshare owners are now posting units available for rent on our <u>timeshare</u> rental site on <u>everythingSXM.com</u> and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingsxm.com. Check them out: they were heavily revised during each of the last two weeks and will be updated again this week.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

11. 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.

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12. Dutch Side Gets First USD\$55-Million in Recovery Funds

The Dutch Side has finally received the first \$55-million of funding through the World Bank for Irma recovery. Another \$450-million is still expected.

This <u>article</u> explains how the money will be spent. It is under strict Dutch government supervision.

13. Mr. Busby's, Daniel's, & The Great House Demolished

Its insurance claims finally settled, the owners of Mr. Busby's beach bar, Daniel's by the Sea, and the Great House — all Dawn beach landmarks between Oyster Bay Beach Resort and Coral Beach Club — elected to have all of the properties demolished last week, the end of a long and rather wonderful era in the history of the island.

With its classic Italian dining in gazebos under the palms, Daniel's offered a beautiful quintessentially Caribbean setting for dining under the stars directly on Dawn beach.

Tragically, however, Irma ended all that with its sustained winds of 185 miles an hour and a storm surge of 18 feet which left the entire property one big pile of kindling. More on the demolition is <u>here</u>.

The property remains for sale for USD\$7.6-million; if you're interested or if you'd like to join with others to make an investment, contact us by email at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the subject Busby and we'll pass along your letter of interest directly to the owner.

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14. Roxxy Beach Construction Begins

Construction of the upscale Roxxy beach property on Kim Sha beach next to Royal Palm Beach Resort is now underway.

We ran this story a few months ago in *SXM Weekly News*, based on information from the SXM Daily Herald. Here is that <u>story</u>. We'll keep you posted on the progress of construction.

15. New Super U in Hope Estate Rising Rapidly

More than a year ago, we reported that the Simply Supermarket in hope estate between Orient beach and Grand Case had been purchased by the folks from Super U, the French supermarket chain that already had an operating market in downtown Marigot.

After Irma wrecked the old Simply market, Super U demolished it and now, on that site, steel for the construction of the new Super U is being erected. Construction seems to be moving along quickly and area residents are optimistic about the possibility of a large, new market opening in this area late this year or early next. Photos of the construction have been published in our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Site</u> and will continue to be published there.

16. Green Valley Project Begins on the French Side

Not far from the Esperance Airport on the French side of the island, where the runway is soon to be lengthened to accommodate larger aircraft (as previously reported here), a new project is taking shape to enable some businesses to locate closer to the airport. Here are <u>details</u> on that Green Valley project.

17. Reminder: Spiga Closes July 21, Next Saturday

Spiga in Grand Case -- one of SXM's very best restaurants -- takes a very well deserved seasonal vacation starting July 21. They will reopen in October.

Does your vacation occur when Spiga is closed? Horrors -- but there are two possible solutions...

a) Immediately schedule another vacation for after they reopen. That way you won't even think of retiring crestfallen into the nearest broom closet.

b) Cancel your vacation and reschedule it for after they reopen. Nah, we don't like this idea, and neither do you: the more you can come to your favorite island, the better.

Spiga is at <u>www.spiga-sxm.com</u>.

18. Looking to Move to SXM? This May Be The Time...

The most powerful Atlantic hurricane in history is long gone. Though many of its scars remain, the island has come a long way in recovering from the wrath of Irma. In fact, we're hearing from a number of readers who feel it's a great time to move to the island for retirement. New condo properties are under construction; more are planned; and we hear *they meet rigorous requirements to withstand future major storms*, even if one shouldn't happen for another hundred years.

If you're looking to buy a villa or condominium, any other residence, or even an island business property, we suggest you contact Arun Jagtiani, the principal at <u>Island Real Estate Team</u>, our primary real estate partner and long-term friends. We recommend them unreservedly; they know the territory and can help you throughout the spectrum of property selection and lead you through the relocation process. Tell them you were recommended by Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*.

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19. Don't Buy / Bring Home Conch Shells

Sought for its beautiful shells and delicious taste in chowder and fritters, the beleaguered conch is endangered. If you are thinking of finding or buying a conch shell on any Caribbean beach, we urge you to forget about it. Leave only footprints, take only pictures.

Attempting to remove conch shells from SXM can cause you serious problems on the island — and attempting to bring them into the United States can cause you even more serious problems there. Take pictures; they're very pretty, they won't smell up your suitcase, and they may possibly keep you out of jail.

More information on this is on our Everything SXM Facebook Site.

20. Coming To Our August Island Party?

We're planning one of our legendary island parties for next month at quite a remarkable and remarkably different location: the Toppers Rhum Distillery.

Although the date and time are not yet set, we expect that to happen soon, after which we'll email details to all of our JMB Website Supporters members. This party, like all our island parties, is open exclusively to <u>JMB Website</u> <u>Supporters</u> members; click the link to find out more about JMB membership.

If you're visiting the island any time in August, join or renew your membership in JMB now. Our summer sale is underway but it ends next weekend, so do it now. You can join by clicking the page curl at our site, everythingsxm.com. If you prefer, you can pick the length of your membership there from lots of good choices, then call membership services at 508-830-3456 to join by phone. But do it soon — our sale is almost over and you don't want to be on the outside looking in at this party, or one of several more later this year or during next winter.

As always, preregistration is required for all JMB Website Supporters members-only Island **Parties**. Come ready to taste-test a number of Toppers rhum flavors, and come hungry; there will be plenty of palette-cleansing goodies on hand as only Topper can make them. Once our plans are finalized, we will be sending Preregistration notices to our JMB Website Supporters members.

20a. Are You Military?

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

Visit everythingsxm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership. We'll also need a DD214 with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you.

21. No Age Limit To Join SkyMed

Many people have wrongly assumed that SkyMed medical evacuation memberships are limited to people who are of a certain age, and that older people shouldn't apply. That information is wrong: *there is not and there has never been an age limit to join SkyMed*. And applying costs you nothing unless you are accepted, as most people are.

We can answer your questions and help complete an application by phone for you in less than 10 minutes. The

questions we ask are brief and straightforward, including birth date, medical conditions, recent hospitalizations, and your prescriptions. It's not complicated and it's not time-consuming — but *it's also something you do not want to put off. Like fire insurance, when you need it you need it — so get it before you need it.*

Contact our office at 508-747-8281 during normal office hours Eastern time and we'll be happy to return your call. Or, just email us at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with your phone number and time zone and we'll still be happy to call you back at a mutually convenient time. We've helped more than 4500 people get SKYMED; we can help you get protected against the enormous cost of an emergency medical evacuation quickly and easily and at a very reasonable cost. Call us and we'll show you how.

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<u>Renewal / Reinstatement JMB memberships</u>: One yr., \$33; THREE yrs., \$73; 6 yrs., \$123 http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml

22. One Last Chance To Enter Our Summertime Vacation Giveaway: Must End Friday July 20

Almost over -- you must enter by Friday July 20. Since so many people were on vacation we're giving you one extra week - but then it is over.

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. Drawing is expected to be held late this Summer.

-- 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://everythingsxm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml

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

23. "WHY?" You Asked; Here's the Answer

My wife and I were returning from dinner with friends in Grand Case several years back, when my wife suddenly felt hot and had breathing difficulty.

It got worse, when she nearly passed out as we approached Sapphire Beach Club and I immediately asked for an ambulance to be called. She was hot one minute, cold the next.

I thought it might be a stroke because she had trouble talking. The ambulance arrived quickly, walked through what we had for dinner, and after a tortuous hour trying to figure out what had happened, she started feeling better and declined a visit to the hospital.

Only some time later, back home, did we find out she has a severe allergy to a certain cheese -- and that had triggered the entire episode.

Although it was a relief, it was also the first time that I realized *talking* about medical evacuation wasn't enough -it was about 14 years ago and that scare is what made me buy what I had recommended for the prior two years to others, but had never bought myself. It scared me into realizing that anything can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

A number of readers have asked me over the years why, exactly, do I talk about SkyMed medical evacuation protection. An emergency trip home on a medevac jet today could easily cost upwards of \$50,000 payable in cash in advance -- *without* SkyMed. No money, no medevac jet home. From overseas, the cost can easily be twice that. Now you know why I've been a bit evangelical about it: it really is a remarkably big deal.

Please allow me a few very quick facts:

First, there is **no age limit** to buy SkyMed; you can apply at any age. Pre-existing conditions are covered at once on short-term memberships, and after a short 90-day waiting period on annual and longer memberships.

Second, annual and multi-year SkyMed memberships are **guaranteed renewable** as long as you like, regardless of

advancing age or declining health. You just pay your renewals on time.

Third, **SkyMed memberships don't get more expensive as you get older or have illness issues**; everyone pays the same reasonable rates. SkyMed won't cancel your membership or increase its cost just because you've reached a certain age, either. Keep it until you're 109 if you like.

Fourth, basic coverage "Takes You Home" when you travel in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Available global coverage includes the rest of the world except places on the State Department "watch list" (North Korea, for example.)

Fifth, SkyMed delivers far more than just medical evacuations. Its entire list of all key Features & Benefits is here: <u>http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf</u>

Sixth, JMB Website Supporters members get **substantial discounts** on all multiyear SkyMed memberships. If you're not a JMB member when you call, we'll sign you up on the spot, if you like, giving you instant access to discounts available only to our JMB Website Supporters members. (More on JMB membership is on our site,

everythingsxm.com; JMB has over 300 SXM discounts and many other benefits.)

For still more info, please see our SkyMed site, getskymed.com.

We can answer all your questions; call us any day or evening up to 8 pm EDT at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only please). If you're ready to protect yourself and your family, we can take your application by phone -- usually in under 10 minutes.

Please do it now. Everything can change in a heartbeat.

Here are examples of SkyMed in action:

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 Cay 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.

Anything can happen anywhere, at any time. Call Jeff at 508-747-8281 during business hours EDT.

To Sum Up - Many Special Features:

a) **SkyMed Takes You Home**[®]. Others in their fine print say they take you home or to the nearest appropriate facility, at their option; that could be thousands of miles from home.

b) No age limit to apply. No age limit for services.

c) **<u>Pre-existing conditions covered in full</u>** after only 90 days for one-year and longer memberships, and immediately for short-term memberships.

d) **<u>Guaranteed renewable regardless of advancing age or health changes</u> (applies to annual and multiyear memberships).**

e) **No membership price increases due solely to advancing age or declining health**. You pay what everyone pays.

f) **Ten-year price guarantee for five-year Ultimate SkyMed memberships**: When you apply for a fiveyear SkyMed Ultimate membership and indicate "renew automatically" on your application, you are guaranteed the same price upon renewal that you paid when joining. The SkyMed Ultimate, which is prepaid for five years at inception, currently offers more features and benefits than SkyMed's annual memberships (see details in our <u>list of</u> <u>benefits</u>) at a highly advantageous annual cost. SkyMed Annual memberships have no price guarantee (though their price has been unchanged for several years). Jet fuel price spikes can affect the cost of Annual memberships. But with the Ultimate's 10-year price guarantee, you're solid no matter what.

Where to Get Answers To Your Questions: Call SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger any weekday or evening (EDT) 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?

24. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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Next Level Car Rental (just joined)

Starlite Car Rental (Belair Resort; just joined)

CIGARS HAND-MANUFACTURED ON SXM:

Das Cigars

CUBAN CIGARS:

Cigar Mack

SXM Cigars (New)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS::

SkyMed International (Scottsdale, Az.)

JEWELERS:

Zhaveri Jewelers in Philipsburg.

Little Europe Jewelers in Philipsburg.

Caribbean Gems

Oro Diamante

Ray's Jewelers

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:

Island Real Estate Team is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff

Berger's Everything SXM Facebook Site.

RESORTS:

Simpson Bay Resort

Baker's Suites

RESTAURANTS:

<u>IZI</u>

<u>SPIGA</u>

VESNA TAVERNA

Melange (new; Port de Plaisance)

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES:

If you're interested in making a villa reservation (doing it with close friends can be fun and more economical than you'd imagine), contact our top recommended Villa rental/sale partners at **Island Real Estate Team**. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Site*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

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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25. Use Our Just-Updated Weekly News Archives

Our just-updated *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published in the last four years, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and our SXM Airport Special Edition, which has a great deal of useful future information on what's going to happen at the airport.

Check it out here.

26. Got SXM Questions? Here's Where The Answers Are

Check out our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Site</u> and our main SXM website, everythingsxm.com.

27. Restaurant of the Week: iZi

IZI (pronounced "Easy") is one of SXM's very finest restaurants, long the Dutch Side's top Italian restaurant. It's disguised as a fun, hip, lively place, but the food is absolutely top-notch.

Owner David Foini is an unapologetic perfectionist who expects the best from his suppliers and his staff -- and it shows in the quality of his food and service.

If you haven't been, you've been missing something very special. IZI of course has won our coveted Everything SXM Award of Excellence for many years -- for good reason. Just go... they're in Simpson Bay across the street from Pineapple Pete.

Coming soon: Domino's; Pineapple Pete.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

IZI Ristorante Italiano, <u>www.iziristoranteitaliano.com</u> (featured 7/16/18) David is back and the restaurant has reopened. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too. Now open for lunch and dinner.

SkipJack's SXM, <u>http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/</u> (featured 7/2/18) Skipjack's main dining deck overlooking the lagoon was wrecked by Irma and is being rebuilt. They should be open late 2018.

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 6/25/17; added 1/17) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (6/18/18) is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

Rum & Peas (featured 6/11/18) is the newly iconic island hotspot for island flavors and lots more. It's the creation of Sherman Marten (Canoa) and one of his top managers is Laurel Victor (Lulu from Mr. Busbys). Come soon, you will not be disappointed.

Emilio's at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured June 4 2018) is the new property run by renowned chef Dino Jagtiani, whose Temptation Restaurant was wrecked by Irma.

Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/28/18) 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.

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

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

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

Celine 3 luxury Catamaran, <u>www.sailstmaarten.com</u> (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it enters service soon. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

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

Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution. **Canoa**, <u>www.canoasxm.com</u> (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.

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 permanently. Selena has moved to St. Kitts where her mom, Ilde, and dad, Dario, operate their Ciao restaurant.

Daniel's By The Sea, <u>www.dawnbeachsxm.com</u> (featured 8/14/17) Wrecked by Irma. Closed permanently and for sale.

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**, https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777 10/3/16 Just got insurance settlement, not yet reopened. **The Hideaway**, https://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

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

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

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

Temptation, <u>http://www.temptation-sxm.com/</u> (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 <u>http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com</u> (featured 6/26/17) Wrecked by Irma, closed permanently, for sale.

Island Pizza, http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 6/19/17) Wrecked by Irma. Closed permanently and for sale.
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.taloulamango.com/ (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

Bylbos, Simpson Bay Not yet known.

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

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28. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot Traffic

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Our Sponsorships enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email <u>susan@jmbcommunications.com</u> with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". We'll get complete information to you quickly.Summer is here and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases throughout this year and into 2019. Contact us today for more information.

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Want to rent or buy a week?

2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale are posted at <u>http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml</u> Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.

SECTION 5: For Members Only

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

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 <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u>. To change your password, click that same link.

C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: See <u>www.everythingsxm.com/secret</u>. Your username and password are required.

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

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