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

**RENTAL** 11/24/2018 12/1/2018 Week 47 **Simpson Bay Resort** 1 bedroom sleep 4 Saturday-Saturday check in. King bed plus 2 murphy beds in living room all newly remodeled unit. Fully equipped kitchen, large balcony with beautiful ocean view & fantastic sunsets. Close to beach, pool, watersports, deli, restaurants & casino. Renter pays \$50 timeshare tax upon check out. \$1,500.00 Bonnie 603-321-7631 [sxmdream@hotmail.com](mailto:sxmdream@hotmail.com)

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

**SALE** 2/16/2019 2/23/2019 Week 7 **Simpson Bay Resort** and Casino Marina building deluxe one bedroom with king bed and two twin murphy beds located near Marina pool/bar and beach. Unit has the only extra large terrace in the Marina building. This Week 7 often falls during the Washington's Birthday holiday week. \$9,900.00 Rita (646)284-5217 [rdk713@aol.com](mailto:rdk713@aol.com)

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

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### **Check Out Our Linked-In "St. Maarten and St. Martin Travelers" Group (Free; Timeshare Focus):**

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**1. All Eyes East; Trop. Activity To Pick Up**

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown of [CrownWeather.com](http://CrownWeather.com) expects activity in the tropical Atlantic to pick up significantly early in September. A conga line of tropical systems across Africa is currently headed westward to the coast, where it can begin its journey westward toward the Antilles.

Current conditions are hostile to development until after these tropical entities enrich the moisture content of the current dry air in the eastern and central Atlantic. Once that happens, the area will be less hostile to development — which means that as September progresses, Atlantic tropical development becomes more likely.

Here is a summation of what Rob said on Saturday:

"I am pretty concerned as to what I'm seeing. To me this looks like a classic sleeper tropical wave pattern where tropical waves wait to develop until they reach the western Atlantic. So, this means that the tropical wave now near 25 West Longitude will need to be watched extremely closely when it moves into the area of the Bahamas late next week and next weekend where environmental conditions may become more favorable for tropical development. In addition, it appears that the upper level ridge of high pressure to this system's north will be rather strong which would either send it westward into the Gulf of Mexico or more northwestward up into the US Southeast Coast.

"The tropical disturbances that will be pushing off of the coast of Africa over the next several days will also need to be monitored closely, especially as they move towards the western Atlantic where environmental conditions will be more favorable.

"As I already mentioned, I think that the Atlantic Basin may look very different by the time we get into the first full week of September with the likelihood of not only several areas of interest, but also for some of these systems to be actually tropical cyclones."

**Note:** If you are anywhere that's ever impacted by tropical cyclones, please visit [crownweather.com](http://crownweather.com) and subscribe to Rob's very inexpensive private forecasting service. You'll get critically important info you can use when a storm appears to be approaching. We've subscribed for years and are always checking his site whenever we need to.

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## 2. Fall, Winter Fares Nosedive As Airlines Hustle for Business

As we expected — and as we told you both here and on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) several weeks back — Fall fares have nosedived as each airline struggles to get the upper hand competitively for passengers seeking to return to SXM.

Here are some sample airfares taken from a Bulletin sent out by *Divi Little Bay Beach Resort* this past week:

**From JFK:**

Jetblue \$356 Sept & Oct  
American \$370 Jan-April

**From BOS:**

Spirit \$306 limited dates Sept 15-22 only

**From ORD:**

Spirit Airlines \$295 limited dates Sept 15-22 only

**From FLL:**

Spirit Airlines \$204 limited dates Sept 15-22 only

**From DFW:**

Spirit Airlines \$338 limited dates Sept 8-15 only

SXM Weekly News can tell you as well that round-trip fares between **SXM and LAX** are well under \$500 now on many midwinter dates...

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## 3. Jet Blue FF Pgm #1: JD Power

JetBlue and Southwest airlines, both of which have SXM connections, have now been rated number one and number two among airline frequent flyer programs in a recent report from JD Power.

JetBlue has served SXM from Boston and New York for many years, and will be adding Fort Lauderdale as a new port of embarkation to SXM in the foreseeable future. Southwest does not yet serve SXM, but it plans to — possibly as early as next year. Here's the [story](#) about JD power.

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## 4. UA, DL, SW Boosting Early Boarding Fees

United Airlines, Delta airlines, and Southwest have all boosted their early boarding fees, according to media coverage last week. The bizarre thing about the increase in early boarding fees by all three airlines is that they have done nothing to improve the product they are offering.

At JetBlue, that airline has been offering "even more space" tickets for some time — and JB passengers who pay for *even more space* seats are automatically given *even more speed* boarding — priority boarding ahead of most others. Why the other airlines aren't making their accommodations any more attractive to people who opt for early boarding is a question only those airlines can answer — as they continue to lose ground to JetBlue.

## 5. Airport Traffic Pattern Changes

The traffic pattern at SXM Airport both for passengers arriving on the island and departing from the airport is changing.

Since car rental companies and others who will pick you up at the airport know about the changes and are following them — and since the new pattern will become clear quickly to passengers arriving at the airport for departing flights — we are not going to detail the changes here. All that's necessary to know is that the pattern is changing and you'll be able to accommodate to it easily at the airport.

One thing to remember: both departures and arrivals will be moving back into the main terminal building sometime in November, 2018. Both will be on the first floor, temporarily, until all renovations have been completed on the second level and the airport resumes full normal operations, hopefully by Fall, 2019.

As always, we'll keep you well aware of what's happening at SXM Airport. Please also see articles 3 and 4.

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## 6. Terminal Mold Remediation Underway

From SXM Airport:

*The Princess Juliana International Airport – SXM - is on schedule with its mold remediation works inside the Terminal Building. Materials have been continuously transported into the building for the start of the works since Wednesday August 15, 2018.*

*According to the SXM Airport Planning, Projects and Systems Control department (PPS), the Texas-based company, BMS CAT International, was contracted to carry out the mold remediation works. The mold was caused as a result of damages related to the 2017 hurricanes. The company will employ some 100 local workers for the clean-up project. It is at present recruiting said labor.*

*The procedure the company will use is called the Mold Remediation and Surface Removal Decontamination. Given the scope of the work and the possible health risks, there will be some Health and Safety officials onsite to ensure that all employees engaged in the restoration project follow proper safety techniques and practices set forth by SXM Air-port and BMS CAT International.*

*The overall Terminal Reconstruction project consists of three packages. "Package One," is the first phase of the remediation works. During this process, BMS CAT International will clean all the mold contaminated items on the ground floor of the Terminal Building. It will also clean filters, light fixtures and any item that may have remained in the building after the internal demolition.*

*"Package One," of the project will also include the removal of the remaining wall partitions. All salvageable furnishing will be cleaned and sanitized for further use when operations are restored. The scope of the works will also include the installation of HEPA filtered air filtration units and portable humidifiers to dry any remaining wet building materials.*

*The Managing Board recently announced that the Departure and Arrival Operations will be temporarily transferred to the ground floor of the terminal building in the upcoming months. The airport operations will be carried out from the Baggage Claim up to the B-Gates areas in the Terminal Building.*

*Management expects that the remediation process will be completed in approximately six weeks or less.*

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## 7. KLM Increases Frequency to Pre-Irma Levels

The Dutch side of the island was elated to hear within the last few days that KLM, the country's flag carrier, will be increasing its flight frequencies from Amsterdam back to the levels before hurricane Irma struck the island almost one year ago.

Here is the [complete story](#).

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## 8. The Best Places for Tropical Updates; Hurricane Tracking Chart

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.*

### **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 [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 — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

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

SkyMed Travel offers you a **110% Lowest Rate Guarantee** for both hotel and car rental reservations worldwide. You can't lose with this, so read this article, sign up free and make your travel reservations directly through *SkyMed Travel*.

### **What it Is - How to Join (free for Our Readers & JMB Members):**

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on travel reservations and packages worldwide.

The SkyMed Travel Club offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 110% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is real news.

**Normally, SkyMed Travel charges \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members and now for Weekly News readers, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Join the Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number here to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.**

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## **10. Timeshare Rentals Listings Updated; See Hundreds**

With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, Simpson Bay Resort, with Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners are now posting units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on [everything.sxm.com](http://everything.sxm.com). Check them out: they have just been heavily revised as summer nears its end.. Get your rental weeks now. (Ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively.)

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## **11. Thinking of Buying Property in SXM? Stay Tuned**

The long-duration surge in the number of people from North America moving to SXM shows no signs of abating. In fact, it appears that the surge may well be accelerating.

You'll find increasing numbers of people discussing the advantages and disadvantages of relocating to SXM on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#), on the beach in SXM, and elsewhere.

Evidence of the increasing demand is clearly evident across the island in the number of large-scale condominium projects either now underway or about to begin construction, on both the Dutch and French Sides (mostly Dutch).

*In response to this surging interest in relocation, JMB Communications is planning to offer JMB Website Supporters members a very special and very different "party" focused on relocating to the island. We are still researching dates, but as of now the first in a series of such presentations appears likely to occur sometime late in November, perhaps before or, more likely, soon after Thanksgiving.*

Our sponsor, Island Real Estate Team, headed by Arun Jagtiani, the island's top realtor, will be the sole focus for this "party" though it more is expected to resemble a seminar with food and drink, according to our current thinking. For additional information, please keep an eye on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) where we will post late information.

Of course, since this event is expected to be for JMB Website Supporters members only, we will also email the information initially to JMB members exclusively. If you are still not a member of JMB Website Supporters, join our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program today, which also gives you invitations to all of our private members-only events on the island. You can learn more by clicking the page curl on our main SXM website, [everythingSXM.com](#).

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

## **12. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits News & Updates**

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

*We now offer about 300 discounts (including some now being rolled out). We think you'll find many surprises here that will be of great interest and value. Please check this section in the coming months as we continue to roll out a number of entirely new discounts and benefits.*

*We recently started adding new discounts and benefits. Please stay tuned; special messages will be sent to all JMB Website Supporters members as more new benefits are rolled out.*

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

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### **SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features**

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## **14. JMB Island Discount Program End-of-Summer Sale Begins**

As Labor Day approaches, everyone is carefully considering plans for upcoming fall, winter, or spring 2019 travel to SXM. Nothing can help you more than our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, which ensures you'll visit great places for a wonderful vacation and receive partner-provided discounts to boot.

Besides hundreds of discounts, JMB Website Supporters memberships offer you many other benefits, including the ability to advertise timeshare weeks you own on our site, to an audience actively planning future trips. Check out JMB membership by clicking the page curl on everythingSXM.com. This sale won't last long, so you might want to act today.

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## **15. More About Sargassum Seaweed (It's Not Everywhere)**

Thanks to tradewinds and prevailing currents, Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea is being pushed into most Caribbean islands, the Gulf of Mexico, and even the Gulf coast of Mexico. It has been a matter of concern for SXM for about six years.

There's good news, however, for many island beaches.

Most beaches on the western side of the island are fine, including Simpson Bay, Cupecoy, Baie Longue, and Baie Rouge.

Even Orient beach, the southern end of which is clothing optional, because of its orientation is little affected and cleaned up daily. However, Dawn Beach and Guana Bay have been problematic. Special equipment has been used for several years on Dawn beach — carefully, to avoid any harm to egg-laying sea turtles — and that continues to mitigate any issues for tourists.

Bottom line, photographs published recently from most beaches on the western side of the island show beautiful clean clear water. See them on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

The island is ready and waiting for you to visit.

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## 16. Citizens Take Govt To Court Over Dump

Tired of putting up with occasional smoke, soot, and government orders to shelter in place, people who live or work downwind from the Dutch side dump behind Philipsburg have now gone to court to exert pressure on the government and on the dump operator to fix things, once and for all.

That [complete story](#) is here.

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## 17. Aqua Mania "Pink Sail" Coming

AquaMania is SXM's long-time leading provider of activities across St. Maarten and St. Martin.

Now, AquaMania has planned a very special Pink Sail to benefit women afflicted by the scourge of breast cancer. Please look here for details and get involved. The date of this event is September XX.

Aqua Mania will be hosting the 3rd Pink Sunset Sail ..... after having to miss last year due to the passing of Hurricane Irma, we are really excited to set sail and be the first event for

October Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Please support The Positive and Elektraljets Foundations whose projects and campaigns benefit from proceeds, and in turn benefit the community..

There are so many ways to participate:

- Buy a ticket and come enjoy the sail ...Pink Tshirts, snacks, drinks, pink mimosas and prizes for everyone included.
- Encourage Friends and Family to join you
- Gift a ticket to a loved one – or surprise an employee
- Buy multiple tickets for your colleagues, employees, sports group, church group ... hey get together and enjoy this event!!!!
- Buy raffle tickets and enjoy some fabulous prizes...
- Forward this email to as many people as you can
- Activity Desk and hotels – promote to your guests. This topic touches so many lives and people love to participate for a good cause.

*"This October, the Positive Foundation along with its other partnerships including the SMMC, Winair, the medical practitioners on St. Maarten, Faculty and Students of AUC and sponsors, will provide free screening opportunities, 100 free mammograms, free breast self-examination workshops and free educational literature at the various Medical Clinics on the Island. These are just some of the ways the Positive Foundation plans to educate our community on the importance of early detection and the symptoms and signs of breast cancer," Shelly Alphonso Positive Foundation President*

Interested in the sail? Contact [aquamania@sintmaarten.net](mailto:aquamania@sintmaarten.net). A graphic on this has been posted on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

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## 18. Art of Time / Artistic Jewelers Become JMB Sponsors

Members of the **JMB Website Sponsor Program** make it possible for us to research, write, and email SXM Weekly News to our more than 300,000 readers worldwide every week; they make it possible for us to do thorough updates of our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website multiple times per year, to keep you thoroughly updated on what's going on on the island; and they also enable us to spend an inordinate number of hours answering your questions on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](https://www.facebook.com/EverythingSXM), the largest for tourists, by tourists conversational site focused on SXM on Facebook.

Today we welcome Art of Time and Artistic Jewelers as new JMB sponsors. Here are details on both of these fine businesses:

[Artistic Jewelers](#) – [Art of Time](#)

### **Jewelry brands we represent:**

David Yurman  
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### **Pens & Accessories:**

Mont Blanc

**Artistic Jewelers – 61 Front Street, right before the Court House**

**Art of Time – 26 Front Street, across from St. Rose Arcade**

*First company to represent David Yurman in the Caribbean. We have represented the brand for over 30 years. Come view the entire collection of Men's and Women's David Yurman jewelry at either location.*

## 19. AUC Schedules Graduation -- In Miami

The medical school of American University of the Caribbean, located here in SXM, has announced plans for its 2019 graduation.

Instead of holding the graduation in SXM, which has been the dominant academic home for AUC students for a number of years, AUC officials have elected to stage graduation in Miami, at a venue used earlier this year because at that time the island wasn't ready to handle such an event, AUC officials said.

AUC, of course, can do what it wants, but it seems to us that a school based in St. Maarten should be holding a graduation based in St. Maarten during which its students can take a long last loving look at the place they called home for the last several years. There is simply no reason not to do that, even though we fully realize that the island is not 100% recovered from Irma.

If KLM can resume its former flight frequency to usual high season levels in the next few weeks, we are convinced that AUC would have little problem scheduling its 2019 graduation next May on the island that hosts this fine medical school.

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## 20. We Want Your Irma Story

Thousands of people -- including more than 4,000 American tourists -- were on SXM when Irma struck the island. Our Labor Day and September 10 editions are expected to feature reader stories about those fateful days. Whether you're a tourist or an island local, please email your story to Susan in our office, with the subject Irma, to [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com); you may also send them to us as a PM through our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). We reserve the right to condense articles to meet space requirements and ask you to stay below 600 words. We'll publish as many of these stories as possible, and we intend to publish many of them on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) as well.

Please write and send yours today.

*More stories are below.*

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**See the [rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits](#)**

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## 21. 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 [everythingsexm.com](http://everythingsexm.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.

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## 22. 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 for membership 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](mailto: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.

More stories follow.

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**<http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>**

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## **23. About Our SXM Summertime Vacation Giveaway**

Entries are now locked. We'll soon set a giveaway date, expected to be in the next few weeks:

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.)

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

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## 24. "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: <http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

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, [everythingxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com); JMB has over 300 SXM discounts and many other benefits.)

For still more info, please see our SkyMed site, [getskymed.com](http://www.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) **Pre-existing conditions covered in full** after only 90 days for one-year and longer memberships, and immediately for short-term memberships.
- d) **Guaranteed renewable regardless of advancing age or health changes** (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 five-year 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 [list of benefits](#)) 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](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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## 25. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

### CAR RENTALS:

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

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**Next Level Car Rental (just joined)**

**Starlite Car Rental (Belair Resort; just joined)**

**Sax Car Rental**

### CIGARS HAND-MANUFACTURED ON SXM:

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### 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](#)

**Art of Time (new)**

**Artistic Jewelers (new)**

### 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:

[IZI](#)

[SPIGA](#)

[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*.

Updated 8/26/18

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## 26. Use Our Weekly News Archives

Our recently 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](#).

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

Check out our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) and our main SXM website, [everythingsxm.com](http://everythingsxm.com).

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## 28. Restaurant of the Week: Mario Bistro

Mario's Bistro has had a longer run at the top of the Culinary charts in SXM than any other restaurant we can think of. Although there are many spectacular restaurants on the island, both on the French and Dutch sides, only Mario's has been around for decades — and it just keeps getting better.

Chef/owner Mario Tardif had his restaurant next to the French side drawbridge for decades but decided only a few years ago that it was time to move to a new location with better amenities and better parking. His relatively new location at Porto Cupecoy near the Dutch/French border is gorgeous and his food is flat out spectacular.

Regardless of what you're craving, Mario's Bistro (its prior legal name and the name most often used to refer to it now by long-time customers) will more than satisfy you with extraordinary culinary delights. Their appetizers are never the same boring thing that you had someplace else: they are immensely creative and always an absolute delight to your palate.

When you choose meat, fish, or practically anything else, you will find all of their entrées equally creative, delicious, and filling. Although Mario's is definitely *haute cuisine*, the portions are more than ample — you will never leave hungry.

One admonition, and this is serious: do save room for dessert. At Mario's, that's not necessarily easy, but trust us — the desserts are spectacular and well worth a bit of saved room.

Coming soon: **Domino's**; **Pineapple Pete**.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Mario Bistro** [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 8/26/18 Mario's Bistro reopened a few weeks after Irma hit and looks forward to your return. Phenomenal dining.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 8/20/18, see story 20) 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**, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (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 Sushitto)** (6/18/18) is the new name of Sushitto, 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). Limited hours this time of year.

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

**Spiga**, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 4/9/18) Reopened as Cafe Spiga, new menu; redesigned. New bar, new bar snacks, same great staff, service, and wonderful food. **Closed for the season until October.**

**Celine 3 luxury Catamaran**, [www.sailstmaarten.com](http://www.sailstmaarten.com) (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

**Domino's Pizza** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

**The Hideaway**, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

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

**Le Pressoir**, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15) Reopening in September.

**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.

**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; dinner closes in October (annual closing for Dinner).

**Topper's** <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17) Reopened quickly.

**Taloula Mango** <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

The following restaurants are all closed permanently thanks to Irma.

**Big Fish Restaurant** [www.bigfishsxm.com/](http://www.bigfishsxm.com/) (featured 5/1/17). Big Fish has closed but will reopen later this year; different ownership expected and probably a new menu / name.

**Busby's Chicken Rotisserie** (featured 6/5/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution.

**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 2019 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**, [www.dawnbeachsxm.com](http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com) (featured 8/14/17) Wrecked by Irma. Closed permanently and for sale.

**The Boathouse**, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16 Just got insurance settlement, not yet reopened.

**Stone Restaurant**, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://www.thestonerestaurant.com) (featured 9/2/14) Stone is permanently closed.

**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. Sold by Lal to new owners, but same kitchen staff and menu.

**Mr. Busby's Beach Bar** <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (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.

**FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse** Had closed permanently before Irma hit.

**Bylbos, Simpson Bay** Not known.

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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## **29. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot Traffic**

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- 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.
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