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Tropical storm Kirk slid westward through the central Lesser Antilles last week, greatly hobbled by strong wind shear from the West. But the best news was issued by the National Hurricane Center on Saturday, when it declared the storm had dissipated into an open wave.

As always during hurricane season, we will continue to stay on top of all the news about Atlantic tropical cyclones. You can see lots of current tropical weather information in the Weather Center on our main website, everythingSXM.com. Please also see story #8.

# 2. Hurricane Season Still Bears Close Watching

Hurricane season ends November 30, two months from now. Although the peak month for Cape Verde storms — which often pose the greatest risk to SXM — is September, Mother Nature pays little attention to calendars. Serious storms have often visited SXM throughout hurricane season, including November, as hurricane Gonzalo evidenced a few years ago and category 4 hurricane Lenny reminded us back in 1999.

See stories later in this section covering information sources about SXM weather.

### 3. About AA's Recent New Flights Annct.

American Airlines recently announced when it will be resuming nonstop flights to SXM from both New York Kennedy and Philadelphia; we ran that story last week here in SXM Weekly News.

The Dutch side's PR agency apparently released incorrect information about AA flights, saying that AA will have SXM flights from Newark. It won't. The only SXM flights that American Airlines has talked about from metropolitan New York involve New York Kennedy. Its other announced flights regard Philadelphia, Charlotte, and Miami.

Here is the totally correct information we published last week from AA about its latest announcement:

American Airlines has announced that it will finally resume its New York and Philadelphia SXM nonstops effective December 19. It also said it will be resuming nonstops from Charlotte effective November 4.

We don't know what took AA so long to do this. JetBlue resumed daily nonstops to SXM from New York late last winter and has essentially been eating American's lunch ever since.

# 4. Congress Considering Bipatrisan Bill to Reign In Airlines

There was good news and bad news for airline passengers recently when Congress took up airline cabin legroom. The good news was that it ordered the FAA to come up with standards for minimum legroom that carriers must offer passengers. The bad news is that the FAA will likely take its own sweet time doing this and even then, it probably won't do much to improve the comfort of airline cabins. The FAA considers itself a safety agency, not a passenger comfort agency — another bad sign for airline passengers seeking less discomfort in coach.

That wasn't the only bad news for passengers. Congress said it was going to take a look at fees airlines charge passengers other than fares — fees for checked baggage, carry-on baggage, early boarding, window seats, aisle seats, and of course food. It looked, but apparently it decided to do absolutely nothing. Thanks for nothing, U S Congress.

Perhaps we should've said there was bad news and and worse news, because the outcome here isn't one that will

particularly appeal to passengers.

# 5. SXM Airport Gives Partners a Terminal Tour

As we've reported to you here in *SXM Weekly News*, SXM Airport is making great progress in its efforts to reopen its main terminal building in November. Then, both arrivals and departures will temporarily be handled from the terminal's first floor, while the second floor departure area renovations move full steam ahead.

The Airport last week gave partners a terminal tour so they could get a closer look at the progress, which is quite substantial.

After the terminal reopens in November, we expect to be able to shoot pictures not only of the first floor, but hopefully of progress at rebuilding the second floor, the focal point for departing flights. We plan to publish those pictures on our <a href="Everything SXM Facebook Site">Everything SXM Facebook Site</a>.

## 6. Just When is Southwest Air Coming, Anyway?

Airlines serving SXM have been ramping up / resuming service meticulously and cautiously as they watch progress on the restoration of island accommodations; passenger capacity increases at SXM Airport, which are ongoing; and of course tropical weather. News on all three fronts so far has been positive, and airlines are responding accordingly.

Many of our readers along the US East Coast and the Midwest are looking forward to the arrival of Southwest Airlines on SXM.

As we previously reported, Southwest has stated that service to SXM is a matter of when, not if. Its march toward providing service to SXM was interrupted by hurricane Irma. Southwest continues to carefully observe all three factors above. It's also watching progress toward the installation and activation of Customs/Immigration preclearance for US bound passengers in SXM Airport, which the airport itself has declared is a matter of when, not if. For more on that, see our next story.

Southwest has not yet set a date for service to SXM, which we expect could well be coming from both BWI and Fort Lauderdale, over time -- with BWI very likely first. Our best guess: sometime during 2019.

# 7. About "Preclearance" for US-Bound Passengers

As we've reported here, immigration and customs preclearance at SXM Airport is a high priority. It requires that the terminal building itself be enlarged to accommodate this new capability. We'll be talking to top airport administrators next month when we tour the terminal about those construction plans. Now, the current terminal has the shape of an incomplete crescent, with the Eastern third still to be constructed. That's where preclearance facilities, among other things, are expected to be built.

The airport would be delighted if it were possible for these facilities to be completed and operational quickly. But right now, its main objective is to complete the reconstruction of the airport terminal and get it reopened. Both floors of the terminal are expected to be fully operational in roughly one year, though it wouldn't surprise us if the airport beats that objective.

We'll keep you posted.

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

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 <a href="www.everythingsxm.com">www.everythingsxm.com</a> -- 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 <a href="https://www.island92.com">www.island92.com</a>. 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 <a href="here">here</a>. 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

# 9. Get The <u>Lowest Rates</u> for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Around The World

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

### 9a. New Format for Rental / Sale Ads On Our Website

Last week, we changed the way we format new timeshare rental and sale ads posted on our main site,

everythingsxm.com.

In addition to running the resort name in boldface type, we're now also bolding the key selling points that most JMB Website Supporters members place first in their submitted ads -- so buyers get the most important facts from your ad emphasized more effectively.

Demand for SXM accommodations is high and many prime winter rentals are selling quickly. We think this change will help your ads do a better selling job for you.

The changes are being implemented on new ads as they are being published. There is no change to our input form or how you use it.

Reminder: always notify us when a week you're advertising with us has been rented or sold, so we can remove the

**Non-JMB-member readers:** Free timeshare rental / sale advertising on our main site is one of hundreds of discounts and *other benefits* you get when you join our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. Our "End of Summer" Sale ends soon -- take advantage of great pricing and join now. Click the page curl at everythingsxm.com for info.

# 10. Oyster Bay Beach Resort Reconstruction on Schedule

Oyster Bay Beach Resort general manager Ricardo Perez faced quite a mess after Irma had finished hurling giant waves and record-shattering winds at his resort 13 months ago, but he justifiably took great pride last Spring when the resort partially reopened, including all its many amenities. He now reports that reconstruction and renovations throughout the rest of the resort are proceeding exactly according to plan, which is very good news for OBBR timeshare owners. Here are details.

# 11. Coral Beach Club Reconstruction Underway & On Schedule

As we previously reported, most of the units at Coral Beach Club were taken over some time ago and are being managed by Oyster Bay Beach Resort.

In reporting progress on the reconstruction of Oyster Bay Beach Resort, Ricardo Perez also mentioned that reconstruction at Coral Beach Club is well underway and it, too, is on schedule.

Some of the beautiful Coral Beach Club units, in fact, will soon be reopening.

See more here.

# 12. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick

With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, Simpson Bay Resort, and Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners continue to post units available for rent on our timeshare rental site on <a href="everythingSXM.com">everythingSXM.com</a> and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingsxm.com. Check them out: they have just been heavily revised.

Get your rental weeks now. Note: ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively.

# 13. Finalizing Our Thanksgiving Week Seminar on Relocating to SXM

Plans continue advancing for a JMB Website Supporters members seminar/party on November 20 on SXM concerning both purchasing property on the island and relocating there.

We expect the presentation to be concise but thorough, examining all aspects of the process as they relate to foreigners buying on either side of the island.

The tentative location of this event is expected to be a large new restaurant not far from Philipsburg that is getting rave reviews from visitors and locals. So, this event will not only provide you with a great deal of useful information from our real estate partners, Arun Jagtiani's Island Real Estate Team, but at the same time it will also give you a great initial visit to this new, top-of-the-line restaurant set in a beautiful location. The date is expected to be November 20, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We are working on all the details now. As soon that process is complete, we will formally announce this event to our JMB Website Supporters members. Like most of our island events, we expect this seminar/party to be a members-only event however at this point we expect to encourage our members to invite some of their friends who also are interested in relocating to SXM to come to the seminar with them, provided all are pre-registered. There may also be a charge for nonmembers to attend.

As soon as everything has been finalized, we will email JMB Website Supporters and announce initial registration. A similar announcement will also be published here in SXM Weekly News, although this event is not expected to morph into something public. If you are interested in attending this event or any other JMB members-only parties, we strongly suggest you join JMB Website Supporters and take advantage of the hundreds of discounts and benefits it offers. You can find out more by clicking the page curl on the homepage of our main site, everythingSXM.com. A Sale is currently underway but it ends very soon.

In answer to many questions, we do expect this event to be recorded, and we hope to make that recording available to all JMB Website Supporters members through our members-only secret website.

Attendance will be limited, so after you receive the details from us, we urge you to preregister quickly.

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

# 14. 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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# 15. Only 15% of Dutch Side Irma Losses Covered by Insurance

If you live in, say, Wisconsin or Minnesota, buying hurricane insurance would be a piece of cake. But for people who live in the Caribbean, where hurricanes are a bit more common, the cost is far higher and it's not always affordable.

Those of you who remember Turtle Pier will appreciate a conversation I had with Al Wathey after hurricane Luis raked SXM in 1995. Back then, if I recall correctly, he told us that his hurricane insurance was around \$30,000 per year. Turtle Pier was nothing elaborate — and that was 23 years ago. Many homeowners simply can't afford the exorbitant price of hurricane insurance.

That's why the very recent revelation that only 15% of Dutch side Irma losses would be covered by hurricane insurance wasn't all that surprising. It was, nonetheless, shocking.

Put yourself in their position with a roofless house, insufficient insurance, repair resources stretched incredibly thin, and little help. That is what the courageous people of SXM have had to endure over the last 13 months, but nonetheless they manage to smile, keep a positive attitude, and welcome tourists with open arms.

As the island has formally said, they are open for business and are very well prepared to give tourists an excellent vacation.

Don't forget what they've gone through to get there, though.

More is here.

# 16. Judge Orders Dutch Side To Deliver Dump Solution Roadmap

As we previously reported, litigants took the Dutch side government to court recently over the unending smoke, stench, and fires hitting the Dutch side dump near Philipsburg. The dump was again smoking this past week.

It seems that entreaties from the litigants found receptive ears in court; the judge has now ordered the Dutch side government to deliver a Solutions Roadmap for all of its dump problems.

One businessperson said to us, "This is a kick butt to everyone involved in the operation or administration of the dump. It's about time. Now they have to actually get it done."

We'll keep you posted. More is here.

### 17. Parrot Ville Reopens

For the relatively small number of people who became aware of it, Parrot Ville was quite a fascinating place. It was loaded with tropical plants and lots of different varieties of parrots. Vaguely similar in size to the butterfly farm, it had a much higher "roof" enabling the parrots to get some exercise.

Many were worried that this attraction, destroyed by Irma, wouldn't be back. But the good news is that it *is* back — it reopened this past week.

For much more information see this article. Parrot Ville is located on Bishop Hill Road, East of the roundabout where McDonald's is located on the main drag toward Orient, still on the Dutch side (A. T. Illedge Road). Check it out.

Don't know where these roads are? Get the best SXM island map from midok.com; tell Michal or Rafal Kasprowski that we suggested it.

# 18. French President Macron in Saturday Visit

French Pres. Emmanuel Macron arrived Saturday afternoon at the French side aerodrome in Grand Case for a one-day visit to the French side, which was a bit harder hit and has been a bit slower recovering from hurricane Irma than the Dutch side.

We ran video of his arrival and the statement he made on our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Site</u>. You can find it by using our site search window. As we receive additional information about the results of his visit, we'll publish it here and on our Facebook site.

### 19. Orient Beach Business Reconstruction Coming

When hurricane Gonzalo hit SXM in 2014, it sank a lot of boats, flipped over some small airplanes, damaged structures, and pretty much destroyed the old beach bars on Orient beach. The government elected to rebuild them in a new, comparatively sterile style which immediately brought howls of derision from tourists. At the end of the day, however, the popularity of these spots grew as each establishment personalized its section of the property. The restaurants and bars were doing well until Irma paid a visit 13 months ago.

Every beach bar on Orient beach was washed away by Irma. The first to come back was Perch Light at Club Orient, a smaller, lighter version of the busy Perch beach bar that had been near Pedro's, also destroyed by Irma.

All of Orient Beach was wider after Irma, though the fact that all the beach bars had disappeared exaggerated its width. Now, the French side government says reconstruction of those previously reconstructed beach bars will be underway fairly soon.

Here are details.

The story is basically this:

The community of Saint-Martin will rebuild for the second time the famous restaurants east of the beach of Orient Bay, colloquially known as the carbets of Baie O. The establishments were destroyed in October 2014 with the passage of cyclone Gonzalo . They had been rebuilt by the COM for an amount of 3.8 million euros.

The restaurants were completely blown away by Irma a year ago. The COM has the ambition to rebuild them. She has commissioned an architectural firm to redesign the site and has just issued a public call for competition for their

work. They are divided into three lots: VRD, container and shell. Interested companies have until October 18 to file their file.

Construction time is expected to be only three months, so the bars/restaurants could be open early next year.

-- This story is quoted from the Soualiga Post, and was written by Estelle Gasnet.

### 20. Dutch Side Blackout Shuts Off Water, Too

Although the reliability of GEBE, the Dutch side electric and water company is, they say, improving, angry GEBE customers will probably be quite reluctant to agree.

A short but total blackout hit the Dutch side of the island last week. As usually happens in SXM when there is a power blackout, Dutch side water stopped flowing as well. Flushing water requires filling a pail at the pool and then dumping it in the toilet, a task made doubly difficult when it happens at night when, of course, there are no lights.

GEBE is government-owned but it acts fiercely independent. Why the government hasn't ever given it a fiercely independent whack upside its corporate head, we don't know. Most customers regard its services as mediocre -- and its pricing is about triple US prices. Its people work hard, but its management -- changed a few years ago -- isn't what it needs to be.

# 21. Moving to Dutch SXM? Generator, UPS Essential

If you've recently moved to the Dutch side or are considering doing so, make sure these two things are on your short-term shopping list: a generator and perhaps multiple Uninterruptable Power Supplies (UPS).

Your UPS should also be a strong surge protector. After power goes out and GB restarts it, there is invariably a power surge. People whose homes don't have surge protectors risk fried appliances, electronics, etc. We have even seen reports of fires resulting from appliances fried by power surges; it is a real and a challenging situation.

# 22. Heineken Regatta Announces 2019 Venue

The Heineken Regatta has announced that its 2019 venue will continue to be at Princess Port de Plaisance off the Union Road, Dutch Side, where this year's Regatta activities were headquartered.

The Regatta is the biggest event of the year on the island — bigger than any holiday and outflanking even the Dutch Side Carnival, which starts in March and continues well into April. The Regatta's "serious fun" entertainment won't be announced for another few months, but it's always a major highlight for visitors.

See much more about the Heineken Regatta at heinekenregatta.com.

# 23. Rainforest Adventures "Shore Excursion of the Year"

The chairlift that takes tourists and locals alike up the side of Sentry Hill at the Emilio Wilson Estate is operated by Rainforest Adventures, and it has now been named Shore Excursion of the Year. See details of that honor here.

It has been a mammoth hit not only with cruise ship passengers, but also with adventurous locals and stayover tourists. There had been a fair amount of criticism of the project from people who contend it has destroyed property intended to be maintained in its natural state in perpetuity. However, the chairlift and other site features affect only a small percentage of the property and they enable visitors to appreciate the beauty of the entire area and of the island to a previously impossible degree. It is also a fabulously successful attraction with cruise ship passengers.

The entire property — known as the Emilio Wilson Estate — also features Emilio's restaurant, where Dino Jagtiani

who formerly headed the Irma-destroyed Temptation Restaurant in Cupecoy is in charge. The restaurant, owned by Norman and Su Wathey, has quickly become the most popular upscale new restaurant on the island.

# 24. Butterfly Farm Still Closed

The government of the French side doesn't want the people and businesses there to have to endure destruction from another Irma sometime in the future. It is and has been imposing what some people consider Draconian regulations to enforce what it wants, and those regulations have put the brakes on what otherwise might have been a speedy but very vulnerable recovery.

One consequence of the French side regulations now being enforced is that the reopening of many businesses has been severely hobbled. The immensely popular Butterfly Farm is one such business. It's obvious that they want to rebuild and reopen, but making it happen in the current environment is challenging. The Farm is one of the primary attractions for cruise ship tourists on the French Side, so the fact that it is closed hurts the entire French Side.

Many people (including us) look forward to it reopening. As always, we'll keep you posted.

# 25. In The Restaurant Business, Change Is The Only Constant

There are hundreds of restaurants across SXM. The restaurant business is one of the most challenging imaginable. Location, innovation, cleanliness, quality, consistency, service — all are equally important. It is very difficult for any restaurant to be regarded as extraordinary consistently, year after year. When disasters strike — enter Irma — that makes things that much more challenging.

One highly seasoned extraordinary restaurateur a few years ago told us, "All restaurants or for sale: it's just a matter of price." That's very true, but sometimes when a wonderful restaurant changes hands the result is disastrous. Take, for example, La Gondola, originated and for many years run with great success by Italian chef/owner David Foini. After years of running La Gondola, he developed a new concept — iZi Ristorante Italiano. He soon sold La Gondola and virtually all his customers followed him to iZi. La Gondola soon died.

Bottom line, count on change. There will always be exceptional, sought after restaurants. And we'll always write about them right here. See story 34.

# 26. Leisure Car Rental Wins Prestigious World Travel Award

The 25th Annual World Travel Awards Caribbean and North America Gala Ceremony was held at the Sandals Montego Bay, in Jamaica on Saturday 22nd September, 2018. That's when Leisure won its umpteenth award. the prestigious World Travel Award.

"We would like to sincerely thank every single person, who contributed in one way or another towards the growth and success of Leisure Car Rental over the Years. Special thanks to everyone who voted. And we are very grateful to everyone at the World Travel Awards for this prestigious Award," Leisure said.

"In 2013, co-owner Jacqueline Joseph brought home the Auto Rental News Professional of the Year Award, presented by American Express. This was an enormous win, since there were candidates from all over the world competing for this Award. Both Jacqueline, and Leisure Car Rental made an immediate decision to try even harder to maintain 100% Customer Satisfaction.

"Leisure Car Rental was presented with the Award of Excellence for Outstanding Managerial Leadership, Strategy Development, Customer Orientation, and Strategy Implementation, by Jeff Berger's www.everythingsxm.com in both 2016, AND 2017. Jeff Berger's Original SXM Information Center is The Largest, Most Complete Guide to 'Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin'. We were very pleased to have been recognized by the largest St. Maarten/St. Martin Travel website.

"In 2017, we also won the Award for St. Maarten's Leading Car Rental Agency at the World Travel Awards! This was an amazing win. World Travel Awards™ was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all key sectors of the travel, tourism and hospitality industries. Today, the World Travel Awards™ brand is recognized globally as the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence.

"This year, Leisure Car Rental was nominated for three notable Awards, and successfully picked up two of them! As we all know, the friendly island, which is only 37 square meters, consists of two independent countries: Dutch St. Maarten, and French St. Martin. Leisure Car Rental has won both the St. Maarten's Leading Car Rental Award, and the St. Martin's Leading Car Rental Award."

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### 30. About Our SXM Summertime Vacation Giveaway

Entries are now locked. We'll very 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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<u>SPIGA</u>	
VESNA TAVERNA	
Melange (new; Port de Plaisance)	
LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)	
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### 32. Use Our Weekly News Archives

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Check it out here.

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

Check out our Everything SXM Facebook Site and our main SXM website, everythingsxm.com.

### 34. Restaurant of the Week:

Coming soon: Pineapple Pete, Domino's.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Mario Bistro** <u>www.mariobistrot.com/en/</u> 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 (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**, <a href="http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/">http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/</a> (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). 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 (featured 5/14/18) Avantika is open. SXM's best Thai.

**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. **Closed for the season until October.** 

**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 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, <a href="http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com">http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com</a> (featured 7/6/15) Reopening in September.

Pineapple Pete, <u>www.pineapplepete.com</u> (featured 7/31/17) Reopened.

**Papagayo**, <a href="http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php">http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php</a> (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 (featured 6/12/17) Recently reopened.

**Vesna Taverna**, <u>www.vesnataverna.com</u> (featured 1/22/18). Reopened. Now open Wed through Sunday B/L; dinner reopens in October (annual closing for Dinner).

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

Taloula Mango <a href="http://www.taloulamango.com/">http://www.taloulamango.com/</a> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

The following restaurants are all closed permanently thanks to Irma.

**Big Fish Restaurant** 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**, <a href="www.canoasxm.com">www.canoasxm.com</a> (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 (featured 8/14/17) Wrecked by Irma. Closed permanently and for sale

**The Boathouse**, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777">https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777</a> 10/3/16 Just got insurance settlement, not yet reopened. **Stone Restaurant**, <a href="https://www.thestonerestaurant.com">www.thestonerestaurant.com</a> (featured 9/2/14) Stone is permanently closed.

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

**Island Pizza,** <a href="http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com">http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com</a> (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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