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

**RENTAL** 8/24/2019 8/31/2019 Week 34 **Simpson Bay Resort & Marina Corner Penthouse Unit in the Flamboyant with views of both Simpson Bay and the Ocean.** 2 Bedroom unit right on the Beach, sleeps 6, two baths, wall safes in closets, kitchen, dining area, 2 Murphy beds, living room, free Wi-Fi, flat screen TVs, and two large balconies overlooking the beautiful Caribbean. Resort has restaurants, casino, gym, tennis courts, mini market, bakery, Olympic pool and swim up bar, Marina, water sports and a beautiful beach. Unit is just a few steps away from the beach, Marina Pool, and Beach Bar. \$1,600 Frank 516-425-6714 [f1leichtle@optonline.net](mailto:f1leichtle@optonline.net) Posted 3-

19.

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

**SALE** 6/29/2019 7/6/2019 Week 26 **La Vista Beach Ocean front, 2 bedroom unit w/balcony.** Sleeps 6. 2 full bathrooms. Kitchen w/microwave, full fridge. TV, DVD, internet, no pets, no smoking. Also, due to the 2017 hurricane, you are entitled to 2 additional floating weeks, that can be used based upon availability. 1 through 2022 and the other through 2023. This is on top of the fixed week # 26 each year. \$3,000.00 Gerry 732-682-9714 (U.S.) [batmanr@aol.com](mailto:batmanr@aol.com)

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

## **1. Boeing 787: Is The Dreamliner a Nightmare, Too?**

A recent article in a major newspaper revealed information about safety concerns in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. One could interpret the article as a bandwagon piece leveraging current adverse publicity about the Boeing 737 MAX, now grounded for months thanks to critical issues which caused two major fatal MAX crashes.

One *could* — if it were not for the fact that the article was published in the prestigious *New York Times*, widely regarded as one of the world's best newspapers. To say the least, the article is very unsettling especially in light of the 737 MAX debacle. Read it for yourself, beginning to end, [here](#).

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## **2. Get to SXM Airport Three Hours Early**

SXM Airport is at its busiest on weekends and before holidays, which explains why it was mobbed last Thursday, as many people prepared to head home for the Easter weekend holiday.



Pictures of the crowds wound up on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) and the usual discussion ensued about how early people should get to the airport.

Some people arrive an hour and 1/2 to 2 hours early which, in our humble opinion, is foolhardy. *The bottom line is that it is far better to be at your gate an hour early than to arrive a few minutes late, once the door of the plane has closed.* Most airlines have their counters open well ahead of flight time, so there's plenty of time to check in when you're leaving the island.

However, if the first flight of the day for American Airlines is the one you're booked on, *American says to be there three hours early but its people aren't there at that time to process you.* Although we made it known to American that we and many others aren't happy with that situation, they never bothered to answer our complaint — a lack of responsiveness that didn't surprise us. See story 4 to see why we and many other people feel that way about American.

Bottom line, do go three hours early for all flights leaving SXM, especially on weekends and days before holidays. Do that and you are extremely unlikely to miss your flight.

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### 3. Sunwing Flies Twice Weekly To SXM From 12/19

Canadian carrier Sunwing will begin flying nonstops from Canada to SXM twice-weekly effective December 19, shortly after high season and the very busy Christmas week vacation period begin. Sunwing is about to begin construction of a new Planet Hollywood on the site of the old Sonesta Great Bay Beach Hotel, which was destroyed by hurricane Irma. The hotel is expected to open late in 2020 or the beginning of 2021.

Thx to Lynette F. for the Sunwing update.

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### 4. Poll: jetBlue Best, AA Worst Airline Serving SXM

Occasionally, we conduct polls on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). We recently conducted two concerning our readers' favorite and least favorite US airlines serving SXM.

Surprisingly, jetBlue, which now serves the island nonstop from three points of embarkation in the US, came out on top in our unscientific survey, outscoring all other airlines as the Favorite airline of US SXM passengers. Readers mentioned customer service, on-time performance, comfort, and the increasing availability of JB's upscale Mint service as items that won them over in favor of jetBlue. The airline serves SXM daily from both New York Kennedy and Fort Lauderdale, and provides weekend nonstops during high season from Boston.

On the losing side, American Airlines was voted the Least Favorite US airline serving SXM in our poll. Schedule changes, unwillingness to make itinerary changes necessitated by AA's own problems, bad attitude, uncomfortable planes, and an indifference to customer concerns seemed to highlight apparent anger felt by many passengers toward AA, which some people said has worsened since the merger with US Airways.

You can see both of these polls by searching for the words Favorite and Least Favorite on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

**Comment:** JetBlue could easily provide daily year-round direct flights from Boston to SXM via Fort Lauderdale simply by having the aircraft that flies from Boston to Fort Lauderdale early every morning be the same aircraft that then flies to SXM and back; hopefully some folks at jetBlue will see this no-change-of-planes direct flight from Boston via Fort Lauderdale scenario through *SXM Weekly News*; you never know.

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### 5. Delta Cutting Seat Reclines on All Its A320s

As an airline passenger, you probably love being able to recline in your seat while flying to SXM or anywhere else. At the same time, however, you probably hate it when the person in front of you reclines *their* seat, since it cuts your personal space and may make it uncomfortable or impossible for you to work on a laptop or anything else using your

tray table.

For better or worse (or both), Delta airlines is attempting to solve this problem by reducing the extent to which seats recline on its entire fleet of Airbus A320 aircraft. That means people who like to recline will be much less happy, while people who don't like the person in front of them reclining will likely be happy.

You can't please everybody. This is [the story](#).

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## 6. See Current SXM Weather / Weather

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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## 7. Alamanda's GM Says It Will Not Reopen

The Alamanda Resort on Orient beach will never reopen, its general manager told us late last week.

The beautiful resort was mauled by hurricane Irma, as were all other structures on or close to Orient beach. He told us that some of the individually owned units were insured and many of them weren't, and that some Alamanda units are currently being used by live-in tenants. It is sad news for many because Alamanda had a long, highly successful run with great popularity and many loyal guests returning year after year.

## 8. Resort Owner Pledges €200-Million for Notre Dame Rebuild

Bernard Arnault, whose company owns La Samanna resort and a whole lot more, is one of the billionaires who pledged a great deal of money toward the rebuilding of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris last week. In his case, Mr. Arnault pledged some €200 million. That sparked outrage among a number of yellow vest protesters in France, who want taxes to go down and the rich to pay more. We publish this only because it relates to a major SXM resort. More is [here](#).

## 9. SXM "Cheap" Summer Vacation Destination

According to the *USA Today* newspaper, SXM is a cheap summer vacation destination — and, as we have written countless times, they are exactly right.

Hotels, car rentals, and even airfares are down this summer, in some cases substantially, from their usual rates. We link to the *USA Today* story below. We think you will be especially interested in this small [beachfront hotel](#) in Simpson Bay, and also in this [larger resort](#) which has all the amenities, and this fine [beach resort](#) which is close to Philipsburg.

Why spend your summer in huge crowds in the US when you can have a much less expensive, much more pleasurable vacation on your favorite island with less humidity, comfortable tradewinds, warmer waters, and way smaller crowds? Summer in SXM is the perfect place to be.

Here is [more](#) from *USA Today*.

## 10. Get That Condo on the Beach You've Been Dreaming Of

*Spacious New Townhouses on Simpson Bay Beach:*

If you've been thinking about moving to SXM but are turned off by large condo developments and have an urge to be on the beach in a place that is state-of-the-art strong, gorgeous, functional, and reasonably priced, we may just have found it for you on Simpson Bay beach, near its quiet northern end.

Drake Residences is built using quad-lock® insulating concrete forms construction which delivers rugged durability as well as great soundproofing.

There beachfront location consists of a four-story beachfront tower and five spacious townhouses, all offering beachfront access.

Construction is state-of-the-art using strong, steel reinforced concrete which is fire resistant, ultra-energy-efficient, with high wind resistance, impact resistance, seismic resistance, and flood resistance as well.

Drake Residences also offers true luxury, with modern design; an Italian kitchen; a waterfall island; floating staircases; all in a spacious, private, turnkey location. Preconstruction prices begin at just \$850,000; construction is about to begin. This is the last buildable lot on Simpson Bay beach and at these prices, you can expect Drake Residences to be sold out quickly.

If you'd like detailed information directly from the developer (whom you may well already know), email Jeff at [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com). Include your email and phone number with the subject **Drake Residences**. We'll put you in direct contact with the developer himself so he can tell you all the details. This is the most attractive, incredibly durable beachfront property we've seen in SXM in many years, and it is brand-new construction. Photos have been posted on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

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## 11. SXM Relocation Seminar Now Available Online

Just before last Thanksgiving, working with Arun Jagtiani of Island Real Estate Team, we put together and conducted an SXM Relocation Seminar for dozens of attentive attendees at Emilio's Restaurant at the Emilio Wilson estate near Philipsburg.

Many of you have asked whether it would be possible for you to see video we made of our relocation seminar.

Although we do intend to put on future relocation seminars, the video of our November seminar is now available online to anyone interested in buying on SXM, whether for a vacation home, retirement home, income property, or anything else.

See the video [here](#).

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## 12. Get Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Worldwide

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*.

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You won't be disappointed.

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

With most timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, La Vista, Simpson Bay Resort,

Port de Plaisance, and Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners continue to post units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on [everythingSXM.com](#) and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on [everythingsxm.com](#). Check them out.

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

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

## **14. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- New Update**

We've recently updated the site to reflect ongoing changes on the island.

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

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## **15. French Side President Gibbs Responds to Critics**

In a press conference last week, French side President Daniel Gibbs responded to criticism leveled against him by a cross-section of factions on the French side over the last several weeks, and answered other questions related to

the French side's recovery from hurricane Irma and a number of other issues. Here is [a report](#) on what he said, from the *Daily Herald*.

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## 16. Calmos' "Les Duplex" in Orient Village Opens Soon

Calmos owner Alex Bourdon is about to open a second French side restaurant, this one in the Orient area. It is called Les Duplex and is in Orient Village. It's at the corner of a building and faces in two directions, hence the name. We'll publish more about it soon.

Calmos itself will be opening later this year in Grand Case.

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## 17. We Just Gave Three Women St. Maarten Vacations...

In the summer of 2017, we ran a vacation giveaway called Summertime, celebrating the advantages of taking vacations in SXM during the summer. We had scheduled the actual drawing for that giveaway for October, 2017, after having received 42,000 entries. Hurricane Irma, however, interfered with the drawing and we suspended it indefinitely at that time.

We finally announced the winners last Monday on the air on Island92. Here they are, and here are the vacations they won. *This was the first JMB SXM vacation giveaway in memory during which all winners were women; we're happy to see that happen.*

Here are the winners:

First, Stacey S., from central Massachusetts, who also happened to be our 5 millionth visitor to everythingSXM.com during 2017, won a week at [Simpson Bay Resort](#), which she will be spending with her children.

Second, Laurie B. from Coral Gables, Florida, won a week at [Belair Beach Hotel](#). Laurie has family on the island and will spend the time visiting them with her family.

Third, Judith R. from New Hampshire won a week at [El Zafiro Resort](#) on Simpson Bay beach, which ironically is the beach where she spent a few hours during a recent SXM vacation.

Congratulations to all these winners; we wish you great trips on your forthcoming SXM summer vacations.

Please see the next story.

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## 18. ...But Wait - There's More

Several weeks ago, our main site, [everythingSXM.com](#), surpassed 6 million visitors — that's an additional million visitors in the last two years, much of which has been spent in recovery by the island after hurricane Irma. It is a tribute to the big-hearted, overwhelming confidence in SXM by tourists and consumer confidence in the island that more than one million people have visited the site to learn more about SXM while the island has been in recovery.

To celebrate 6 million visits to our site, we will soon announce a new giveaway, "Battle of the Sixes," at the end of which we expect to give away six St. Maarten / St. Martin vacations, a car rental, a number of dinners for two, and some jewelry gifts from some of the island's top jewelers, among other things. Watch for the complete announcement right here in *SXM Weekly News*. All entries will be accepted online on a special website once this giveaway has been formally launched. As always, no purchase is necessary to win, and buying anything from us will not increase your chances of winning.

Please tell your friends to subscribe to [SXM Weekly News](#) so they, too, will be able to enter our Battle of the Sixes SXM vacation giveaway.

## 19. Rum & Peas Reopens

Rum and Peas restaurant in Simpson Bay, built from a collection of large shipping containers, has now reopened under new management. It serves largely local food and has an eclectic, somewhat unusual ambience.

For more, [look here](#). The restaurant is located in Simpson Bay, going toward Cole Bay a few hundred yards beyond Pineapple Pete.

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## 20. Big Fish Expects Reopening Next Month

Big Fish restaurant owner Leslie Martina now says he expects to open sometime next month. He's just waiting now for some final inspections and licensing to be completed. We'll post more details about the restaurant and its updated menu as soon as it opens.

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## 21. "Sheer" in P-Burg Gets High Praise

Serial entrepreneur/restaurateur Valentin Davis built and managed the famous Frangipani resort in Anguilla a number of years ago, then sold it to move back to his home here in St. Maarten, where about 10 years ago he opened Sheer Restaurant off Old Street in Philipsburg. As we mentioned here a few weeks ago, the restaurant is gorgeous in a pure classical sense, and it is also part of the oldest construction on the island — it dates back hundreds of years. If you haven't yet visited Sheer Restaurant, it's time. Look at this review from a recent guest:

*"Superb service! Professional, customer oriented, friendly staff will make you feel Royal. The food was delicious — real fine cuisine. Exceptionally clean environment, with an ethereal ambience. I must assess every restaurant before I eat and from the outside, sheer past assessment. Miss dining there, and miss an experience of a lifetime."* From Rosa S.

If you have not yet been to Sheer, make sure you go on your next SXM trip. Valet parking is available..

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## 22. Sale & Pepe Relocates in May

Ever since it first opened several years ago in Simpson Bay, Sale and Pepe Italian restaurant has been plagued by two significant issues — inadequate room, and effects from the weather during rainstorms. It expects to solve both of those issues next month when it moves to new, larger quarters in the new building being built in the northern part of Simpson Bay on the lagoon side of Airport Road.

We'll let you know when that happens.

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## 23. Coco Beach Rebuilding

The Coco beach bar and restaurant, located on Orient beach in front of Esmeralda resort, is now being rebuilt. Public plans for its reopening call for it to be back in business by the end of the year, but people familiar with the pace of reconstruction are telling us it could be much sooner.

We'll keep you posted.

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## 24. The Repaving of Blvd. de Grand Case

In January, the French side government publicized that it was starting a project to repave Boulevard to Grand Case,

which was significantly degraded by hurricane Irma and has not been repaired particularly well ever since. The clear implication of the announcement was that the repaving would be completed before Mardis de Grand Case, Harmony Nights, began almost two months ago.

It still hasn't been completed.

Some utility lines are being buried in an effort to secure utility service whenever the next storm hits. Had the project received the prioritization that the announcement implied it would, it seems to us it could have been completed in a week or two. The French side has been widely accused of not having the same sense of urgency about restoring tourism businesses to full operation that the Dutch side has, and this may well be an example that reinforces that argument.

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## 25. Orient Nature Reserve Journal Publishes Updates

The French side Nature Reserve has published an update on the status of the entire reserve, which encompasses Orient beach and surrounding territories. It has been published in both French and English and can be downloaded as a PDF [here](#).

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## 26. Sargassum Seaweed Coming Back

A few weeks ago, the SXM Nature Foundation forecast the return of Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea to the waters around SXM. Now, it appears about to happen and is already being seen in a few places.

This appearance of Sargassum seaweed is particularly alarming because it comes as sea turtle nesting season gets underway. During this period, sea turtles lumber ashore, dig holes in the sand, lay eggs (up to 100 of them), and lumber back into the sea. They will do this from now until mid Fall. Eggs hatch and the vulnerable sea turtle hatchlings scamper from the nest to the shore and back into the ocean. Most are eaten, but a few survive.

Large amounts of Sargassum seaweed can pile up on the shore, imperiling the movement of the fragile young hatchlings. Sea turtles are endangered species and any disruption in their ability to reproduce is regarded with alarm by conservationists and others.

Please stay away from marked turtle nesting sites. Local authorities are doing everything they can to clear the beach of Sargassum seaweed without disrupting any part of the turtles' reproductive lifecycles. If you see any turtle nesting sites that are not blocked off, steer clear and please report them to authorities.

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## 27. Restaurant of the Week: Emilio's

Under the watchful eye of master chef Dino Jagtiani, Emilio's features many of Dino's recipes from his former restaurant, Temptation, destroyed by hurricane Irma. Open for lunch and dinner (lunch features the Jeff Berger Burger, by the way), it offers sumptuous fare with a wonderful spectrum of flavors, textures, and aromas. No matter what you choose, you'll be delighted with the result and will want to soon go back.

Try it and tell us what you think on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Emilio's** at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured 4/21/19) is the new property run by renowned chef Dino Jagtiani, whose Temptation Restaurant was wrecked by Irma.

**Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant**, [www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant](http://www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant) 4/15/19. Just go....

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 4/8/19) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 3/11/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**Spiga**, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 3/4/19) New menu; redesigned. New bar, great staff, service, and wonderful food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

**Mario Bistro** [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 2/25/19 Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences



you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining.

**Mama Pizza & Pasta**, featured 2/11/19, Porto Cupecoy.

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 2/4/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Sunday.

**Topper's** <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 1/28/19) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late dining. Open morning until late night. Sports on TV. Karaoke some nights.

**Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar** (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road toward Shore Pointe and turn near Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 1/20/2019) Parking, drinks, chairs and umbrellas, lolo-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto)** (1/7/19) 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.

**La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort** (featured 12/30/18) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

**SkipJack's SXM**, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/24/18) SkipJack's triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go!

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino in Simpson Bay Resort, 11/19/18. 100% redesigned, inside and out, floor to ceiling and everything inside. Just go.

**Enigma C3 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.

**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.

**St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge** Reopened.

**Jimbo's**, [www.jimboscafe.com](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17) Reopened.

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

**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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## 28. SkyMed Sale Underway

A major sale has begun on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *when when you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership through us or upgrade your annual SkyMed membership bought from us to a multiyear membership, we will extend your JMB membership on us for the number of years you buy.*

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## 29. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / GetSkyMed.com

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On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach, a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to SXM.

Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

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.

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### **LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)**

### **MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)**

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## **Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies**

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Updated 4/15/19

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## **35. Use Our Weekly News Archives**

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Check it out [here](#). Updating soon.

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

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

A. **Where to Get Member Info:** [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)

B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.

C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret). Your username and password are required.

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

See [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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All member discounts and benefits are explained in detail on the members-only \*secret\* website, <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> . If you're a JMB Website Supporters member and have a question not answered there, contact ***support@jmbcommunications.com***

NON-members who wish to contact us should write to ***jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com*** with the subject \*Free Newsletter Recipient,\* but due to the huge volume of mail received, we may not respond individually.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) .

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