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SALE 2/16/2019 2/23/2019 Week 7 **Simpson Bay Resort & Marina** President's Week. Beautiful newly renovated one-bedroom unit, sleeps four. Air-conditioned unit, large private bedroom with king-size bed, living room with 2 additional pullout murphy beds. The in-room fully equipped kitchen includes a refrigerator, a stove with oven, and a microwave. The private bathroom has a walk-in shower, as well as a hair dryer and a makeup/shaving mirror. Complimentary wireless internet access. This 4th floor unit, in the Beaumontia Bldg (lower B) has a balcony with gorgeous ocean views, beautiful sunsets overlooking Simpson Bay. Resort offers several pools, many restaurants, tennis courts, new fitness center, a convenience store, water sports, casino, and The Red Piano piano bar. Many local restaurants and bars in easy walking distance. Timeshare tax is due upon checkout. For more info see: <http://www.simpsonbayresort.com>. \$12,000 Mary-Beth 724-698-5896 marybeth.mccormack@gmail.com

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1. AA Reschedules Passengers, Doesn't Always Tell Them

American Airlines -- which according to our recent informal, unscientific survey on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) is the least favorite US airline serving US passengers going to SXM -- continues to anger passengers in all classes of service by rescheduling them or canceling flights without necessarily notifying them of either.

While commenting on the survey, and ever since, passengers have gone out of their way to detail problems caused by American Airlines' habit of willy-nilly rescheduling. Passengers carefully select their flights to enable them to arrive in SXM the same day, wherever possible. But in rescheduling its passengers, AA seems to pay no attention to passenger preferences or to passenger convenience: it just does what it wants and it doesn't necessarily tell passengers that it made changes, let alone changes that ignore passenger convenience.

As always, we strongly suggest you remain in touch with your airline over time to ensure that you are aware of any changes the airline makes in your flights -- particularly if your airline is American. It doesn't matter what kind of plane you had originally been scheduled on; American passengers on all kinds of airplanes are being affected by the current AA frenzy of rescheduling.

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2. Blame Game: AA Says it's Max 8's Fault

Logic tells us that if an airliner has been grounded by the federal government in the US, airlines should remove it entirely from their current and future schedules and use replacement aircraft in its scheduling.

For reasons that totally defy logic, American Airlines apparently has continued to leave Boeing 737 Max 8 flights in its future schedules — canceling the flights only as dates come closer, when those cancellations may cause increased inconvenience for its customers.

At the end of the day, the result of these peculiar scheduling habits by American Airlines has been a grossly higher amount of customer dissatisfaction than one might otherwise have expected.

The biggest problem here falls in the lap of American Airlines. American has over 900 airplanes, only 24 of which are Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft currently grounded. Those aircraft are very new, which means that for the most part the aircraft they replaced are likely still not retired.

With a major problem staring Boeing and the industry in the face after two seemingly avoidable crashes, it may be quite a while before the 737 Max 8 is allowed to return to service. And it may be even longer before anyone believes Boeing's CEO who recently said the aircraft manufacturer will soon make the aircraft "even safer": fact is, nobody believes that the 737 Max 8 is anything remotely resembling "safe" now. It was certificated by the FAA even though it clearly wasn't fit to fly.

Consequently AA should have canceled all 737 Max 8 flights when that aircraft was first grounded. Passengers of American are largely fed up with the lack of attention that American is paying toward them and that airline's clear lack of focus on customer satisfaction, evidence of which you can see in posts on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#)....

3. Jet Blue's Global Expansion is Just Beginning

Although JetBlue is already an international airline, serving an increasing number of cities and countries in the United States, the Caribbean, and South America, its recent announcement of nonstop flights to London from both New York and Boston starting in 2021 — and its widely expected nonstop flights from the West Coast (and possibly elsewhere) to Hawaii within the next year or two — should be taken as indications that the airline is dead serious about expanding beyond the international locations which it has already announced.

JB is undertaking a massive expansion at JFK, its main focus city, and should be expected to do the same in Boston, where it is the leading airline and where it has a long history of expansion and international service.

At JFK, JetBlue will be spending hundreds of millions of dollars taking over and completely rebuilding another terminal adjacent to its current terminal 5 presence: it also has many gates for international flights among its expansion plans.

Nobody had better underestimate where JetBlue is going in the next few years. Its plans are clearly bigger than many people think — and its Mint service, with very comfortable lie flat seats at a fraction of traditional first-class travel costs — have great appeal to a broad range of passengers, even people who are platinum or elite platinum flyers with American. Even those AA customers have grown increasingly intolerant of that airline's inability to do its job in a way that results in dependable customer satisfaction.

4. Airbus A220s Could Mean More Nonstops, Better Fares

It's interesting to watch what JetBlue is doing with the main aircraft in its fleet — the A320. It is completely reimagining A320 passenger cabins, making them more comfortable with vastly superior entertainment options but with significantly thinner seats. That is enabling it to retain outstanding legroom while adding two rows of seats to its airplanes and increasing the number of seats in all its A320s once the program is finished.

In addition to its 162 seat A320s, the aircraft is acquiring new Airbus A220 aircraft which are capable of accommodating up to 150 passengers, though the expected capacity of A220's to be delivered to JetBlue is not yet announced.

Routes on which the A220 will be used have yet to be announced, but the airplane's great fuel economy could likely allow it to be used on some transcontinental flights and certainly on flights to the Caribbean from the East and Midwest. *Its promised operational economies make it conceivable that the airplane could be used as the basis for an increased number of flights to the island from existing ports of embarkation and from other cities that don't yet have nonstops to SXM.* The A220 could make such nonstops possible — and in fact, it could be used for flights multiple times per week year-round to SXM from Boston, which currently has no Boston nonstops during low season.

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5. New Airline "Mozy" Likely to Shake Up SXM Fares

As we wrote here a few weeks ago, David Neeleman — the founder of JetBlue, WestJet, and Azul in South America -- has ordered the same Airbus A220 aircraft that JetBlue, his former airline, also has ordered. Yet Neeleman is taking dead aim with this airline on underserved US cities, planning to offer travel from many of them to other cities which he believes are also underserved or overpriced. What Neeleman is doing, it appears to us, is massaging the same concept he used to start JetBlue about 20 years ago into something a bit different, newer, and perhaps slightly fresher than his JetBlue concept — although making it better than JetBlue, which is hugely popular, is a far bigger challenge.

We continue to believe that ultimately, Mozy (or whatever he chooses as the final name of his new airline) could well choose to provide flights to the Caribbean from many underserved cities, including some as big as Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Providence, and others. It will be interesting to look at this edition of *SXM Weekly News* five or six years from now and see whether we been as accurate at predicting where Mozy might go as we have been with JetBlue.

6. When Will Southwest Fly to SXM?

We know, and have reported, that Southwest Airlines wants to come to SXM. We also know that the airline wants to be sure that every 737 aircraft it sends to the island will be loaded with passengers on all flights.

SXM last winter had its best year in the last several years, including a few years before the island was hit by hurricane Irma.

Late in 2019 and during 2020, a number of new hotel properties as well as new condominium properties will be opening on SXM; see info about the latest of these to be announced, the **Adonis Hotel** which is coming to Cupecoy, in story 8.

As a result of that hotel opening and a number of others covered in that story, it's clear that the room capacity on the island a year from now will be substantially more than now; and two years from now, when even more properties will be open, things will be even better for airlines and island businesses.

All of this makes the appetite for news about new airlines coming to SXM quite substantial. Southwest has yet to announce any date for launching its service to SXM. We have asked the airline directly about widespread rumors that it could begin service as early as this coming September — a move that we feel is highly unlikely, since September and October are two of the slowest months of the year on the island. If the airline is going to begin service soon, it could well happen in November or within a few months after November — when SXM airport has said it may well be returning to full service on both floors.

If we hear anything back from our inquiries into Southwest, we'll let you know.

7. See Current SXM Weather / Tracking Serious Weather

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, 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 -- 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. They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.

5) For a quick look at weather radar exactly where you are or where you're going, try the My Radar phone app or My Radar for Windows -- excellent programs.

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

8. New 52-room "Adonis" Hotel Coming to Cupecoy

A few weeks ago, the people behind the twin condominium towers now being constructed on land between the Starz Casino and the Mullet Bay golf course announced that because of brisk condominium sales, they would not use one of the towers for an upscale hotel project as had previously been announced, but rather would simply sell it as condos.

Late last week, it was announced that a new hotel will be constructed about a five minute walk from the twin towers. The project will be called Adonis. It will be finished this year, says its developer, and it's expected to open in November, 2019.

In a letter on social media to a limited audience on the island, the developer said:

I am pleased to inform you that we will open a contemporary hotel in Saint Martin [Sic] in the West Indies, my island of heart, from November...

It will be a beautiful hotel of 52 rooms design, with parking, gym, close to beautiful beaches. To Have (on) lived Irma, I am happy to participate in my modest contribution to revive this [precious] place.

Looking forward to welcoming you there soon,

In point of fact, it has been announced that the project will be constructed in Cupecoy, close to the prior location of Summit Resort near the AUC medical school and the Caribbean International Academy. The developer told us over the weekend that the project will have a gym as noted above, but no pool (not necessary because both Mullet Bay and Cupecoy beach are so close) and no restaurant, since many restaurants will be nearby in the reimagined Starz Casino complex and in Porto Cupecoy. Starz is expected to reopen possibly as soon as later this year.

We will post more about Adonis when we we have it; we're in contact with the developer.

9. Big Improvements Observed at Sapphire

Although in social media many people continue to observe aging negative reports about the status of Sapphire Resort in Cupecoy, we've been seeing an increasing number of reports from recent visitors who say that the 23-year-old resort, though not perfect, is greatly improved now from what it was just a few years ago.

In fact, the resort has been open for many months, albeit with limited room capacity. Some elevators are now operational in all three buildings, recent visitors tell us. Rooms, very heavily renovated post-Irma, are in excellent shape, and the staff is happy to see visitors and timeshare owners. A number of workers brought on board to help complete the renovations are still staying in some resort units, which limits Sapphire's ability to accommodate all timeshare owners who seek accommodations. But the resort has taken great strides forward and some staff members who we talked to in recent weeks are saying that the resort expects to be fully open in time for the 2019 – 2020 high season.

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. 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](#).

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](#).

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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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.

You won't be disappointed.

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 [everythingxsm.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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14. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updated

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. Near-Legendary Chef Dino Jagtiani Leaving SXM

St. Maarten's first chef to graduate the prestigious Culinary Institute of America (CIA), chef Dino Jagtiani, is leaving the island. He'll be going to Curaçao where he will be head of culinary for the big Marriott there, which has been closed for very heavy renovations for the last couple of years.

Hurricane Irma did quite a number on Dino here in St. Maarten. The storm destroyed both his restaurant, Temptation, which was part of Starz casino which Irma also destroyed. Worse, Dino lost his home to Irma. It was one of many tragedies coming out of the storm, but thanks to courage and perseverance, Dino gathered himself and moved on, joining Norm and Su Wathey at their Emilio's restaurant in the Rainforest Adventures/Emilio Wilson Estate area where he was in charge of that outstanding restaurant.

Dino has won many of our Everything SXM Awards of Excellence both for Temptation and Emilio's.

We'll be keeping in touch with Dino and will let you know when the Marriott reopens in Curaçao and what the names will be of the restaurants there.

Norm and Su are working to bring on a new top chef at Emilio's, something they hope to complete in the next couple of weeks. We'll keep you posted on what happens there.

16. Finally, French Side to Restore Le Galion -- Sort of

Within the last couple of weeks, we published a story here concerning the most recent report of the nature reserve on the status of the Orient beach area, also including the LeGalion area. If you read the report (our story included a link to a downloadable PDF), you already know this — but since most of you probably didn't click the link, here's the rest of the story.

The French side had said quite some time before Irma hit that it wanted to restore Le Galion beach to the unspoiled status it had enjoyed before the Le Galion hotel was built there and destroyed years ago by a hurricane.

In 1977, Patrick Turner opened a restaurant called Tropical Wave at LeGalion beach which for 40 years served simple, delicious, affordable food to a spectrum of customers, many of them locals with a number of tourists mixed in.

He was hassled by the French government which wanted to close his business and then have him compete with others for the privilege of operating a new restaurant there. Worse, if that's possible, the French government was openly talking about charging a high rental for the property which would've made his long-standing cost structure untenable.

Then along came Irma, destroying everything in its path including Tropical Wave and everything else on that beach and on neighboring Orient beach. We have no idea why it has taken the French government so long to say it's going to redevelop the beach, since it knew that before Irma hit. Nonetheless, that's what it did in the report for which we supplied a link previously here in *SXM Weekly News*. The *Daily Herald* is simplifying things for everyone; it wrote a story specifically related to rebuilding activities on LeGalion. Here is [that story](#).

Take note, this really is not a rebuilding project it's a restoration project of the beach to what it was many years ago, the Reserve intones — though how they will integrate a new restaurant into that property remains a mystery.

17. Women Meet Ja Rule at Simpson Bay Resort

Twin sisters vacationing in SXM, Stephanie and Jacqueline were headed back to Simpson Bay Resort on foot when they spotted someone who looked familiar walking not far from them. They quickly realized it was Ja Rule. The three Simpson Bay resort guests talked a bit and had a picture taken together which soon appeared on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Famous rapper Ja Rule was on the island for a Carnival-related concert. If you missed the Carnival, consider coming next year... who knows who you might bump into.

Tomorrow is a Carnival holiday on the island, and Wednesday is another holiday. Carnival is big on SXM: watch for more posts about it on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#)

18. 200 Kilos of Antillean Shark Fins Intercepted at Amsterdam

Authorities intercepted some 200 kg of shark fins at Amsterdam airport recently. The shark fins are considered a delicacy in some parts of the world, and these shark fins had been destined to go to a buyer in China until they were intercepted and confiscated. Spokespersons said that the harvesting of the fins would have caused the death of some 200 sharks, a major blow to conservation efforts. Police are continuing to investigate; here's [the story](#).

18a Never, Ever Remove Starfish from the Water

Remove them from the water and they'll die, a bad thing for the environment. Please see why [here](#).

19. Another Scooter Driver Killed: No Helmet

Scooter riders on SXM have a reputation for dangerous driving, though it's only a small percentage of scooter riders who behave dangerously. Several scooter riders in the past year in SXM have lost their lives in accidents, and that just happened to another who, while passing in and out of traffic on the French side, careened head-on into an approaching ice truck. The scooter rider, who was not wearing a helmet, was killed instantly.

Here is the [complete story](#).

20. Gov't, Serious About Drones, Shoots One Down

A few weeks ago, the Dutch side government released new rules concerning the use of drones throughout its side of the island.

Because of heavy use of Princess Juliana SXM Airport, drone activity is banned over most of the Dutch side land area and also in the vicinity of most government facilities.

A drone was recently spotted approaching the prison at Point Blanche. After a quick but complete assessment of the situation, a prison guard grabbed his shotgun and [blasted the contraption](#) to smithereens.

What was left of the drone was taken to a police laboratory where an investigation was launched to determine its source and its owner.

We repeat: if you have drones and would like to fly them on St. Maarten, leave them home.

21. Warning: Do NOT Eat Parrotfish

Authorities from the SXM Nature Foundation recently discovered that parrot fish were for sale in some area Chinese markets. Because they are threatened, parrot fish are supposed to be left alone and certainly not offered for sale in any supermarkets. Why is this so important? Please read [the story](#).

If you ever see any for sale in any SXM supermarkets, please report it to [The Nature Foundation](#).

22. Get a Rare Autographed First Edition Jacky Rom

Novel

Bibliophiles tell us that first editions of rare books signed by the author may become extremely valuable.

Here is your chance to obtain a first edition of Jacky Rom's newest novel, *From Vegas to Villainy*, which officially debuts this coming month. If you rent her home here in SXM, you can get just such a rare first edition.

Here is more [information about the forthcoming book](#).

Here is more about Jacky's home in SXM:

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23. How To Adopt a Rescue Dog or Cat from SXM

Good day animal lovers. Jeff Berger asked me to explain how one can bring a cat or dog back to the US or Canada. It's actually very easy. First step is to take it to a Vet Clinic in order to get the basic vaccination and rabies shot done. Usually rabies shot needs to be done 1 month before departure, which is a little difficult if you are here only for a short time. SXM is rabies free and this has never been a problem at arrival. You will also need a health certificate a few days before (not more than 5 days before). You also need to call your airline in order to know if you can take the dog along. JetBlue takes up to 4 in a soft carrier in cabin. For checked luggage (plane belly) you will need to get a crate. Must be AA. We are very happy to help you in order to take your new friend along with you. If you can not take the dog or cat when you're travelling back home, we can try to find someone who's ready to escort. To JFK, Newark, Philadelphia, Boston is easy! Hope this helps. If you would like to adopt a dog from us (we can not keep cats), please let us know or make a friend request on our FB page. Dog over 6 month are vaccinated, dewormed and spay/neutered. Ursula. [I LOVE MY ISLAND DOG ASSOCIATION](#) -- Ursula Oppikofer

Her website is [here](#).

24. Spring Sale Begins for our SXM Island Discount Program

JMB Website Supporters, our SXM Island Discount program, delivers about 300 discounts and other SXM benefits. We haven't had a sale for our **JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program** since January, but our Spring Sale delivers [Black Friday Prices](#) -- and its starts Tuesday Night 4/30 at 9pm EDT:

GOOD: One year new memberships, \$33 (our reg. \$59)

BETTER: Three-year new memberships, \$79 (our reg. \$99)

BEST: Six-year new memberships \$139 (not normally offered, by far our best sale price)

Great renewal & reinstatement prices will be offered too. To take advantage of these offers, click the page curl at everythingxsm.com to join or renew/reinstate your JMB membership starting at 9pm EDT Tuesday 4/30/19..

25. Major SkyMed Sale Now 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 SkyMed.*

Example: Upgrade to or buy a new five-year SkyMed membership through us, and we give you a free five-year extension of your existing JMB Website Supporters membership. All you need to do is forward us a copy of the acknowledgement you receive from SkyMed after you buy new or upgrade through us. For info, see getskymed.com, but to qualify for these bonuses, you must buy by phoning us at (508) 747-8281 or email Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed. Give us your phone number and time zone and we'll return your call as quickly as we can. Available exclusively to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats.

26. Restaurant of the Week: Vesna Taverna

Ever since we first visited Vesna Taverna several years ago, we've raved about it. Once you visit for dinner and meet Vesna, Sally, and the crew, and taste their amazing food, you'll fully understand why we love the place.

Pick your dessert first -- they're great but they disappear in a hurry and you do not want to lose out. They're all homemade by Vesna herself, and she truly knows her stuff.

There are dinner specials every week -- check them out first from the blackboard, brought to your table. Saturday night is Greek night with a spectrum of Mediterranean specials -- plus their entire regular menu. If you like spicy food, ask for their Matouk's sauces from Trinidad -- they'll take your breath away.

Vesna's is located on the lagoon side of Airport Road in Simpson Bay just north of the drawbridge. See much more on their website at vesnataverna.com. Reservations are highly recommended.

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

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 4/29/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Sunday.

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 4/15/19. Just go....

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

IZI Ristorante Italiano, 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 (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.mariobistro.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.

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 Sushitto) (1/7/19) 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.

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 (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 (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 (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.

27. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / GetSkyMed.com

Our SkyMed website is www.getskymed.com: please be sure you bookmark **getSkyMed.com** and not any other site.

When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone; that way we get credit. It takes about 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently and effectively; that way we do get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you.

SkyMed inquiries only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. Thank you. Customer stories are below.

28. Traveling Aug. 1 or Later? Beat SkyMed's 90-day Exclusion on Pre-Existing Conditions Coverage by Buying Now

SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Without it, an emergency medical evacuation by air ambulance will cost you from \$35,000 to \$50,000 or more, sometimes much more, payable in cash in advance. Worse, you must get it before you need it - just like fire insurance.

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Of course we'll be happy to answer your questions and we can tell you about everything SkyMed offers. Totally up to you what type of coverage you select. Much more info about SkyMed is in the next story.

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29. *****SkyMed Customer Stories***** **Protect Against Pricey Emergency Medical Evacuations by Getting SkyMed:**

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Here are examples of SkyMed in action:

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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It's available to Americans, Canadians, and ExPats from both countries. Short-term and annual coverage includes the USA (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage is available on annual memberships for a \$99 additional yearly fee, but global coverage is standard on multiyear SkyMed Ultimate memberships, which are both SkyMed's best and its least expensive medevac memberships.

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32. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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Bright Path is already posting on our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#)

Updated 4/29/19

33. Use Our Weekly News Archives

Our *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](#). Updating soon.

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

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