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**RENTAL** 10/19/2019 11/2/2019 Week 42 and/or 43 LaVista Beach Resort Week 42 studio, top floor, week 43 is studio, ground floor. Great location, nearby grocery, restaurants and casino. 2 swimming pools on property with great views of the ocean. Renter will pay timeshare TAX OF \$50 per week. Rental is \$900 per week or \$1700 for both weeks Sandy 727-580-4343 [kpsandy@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kpsandy@tampabay.rr.com)

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**SALE** 2/9/2020 2/16/2020 6 **Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Beaumontia Building**, fixed and deeded week, Sunday to Sunday, one bedroom sleeps four, 4th floor ocean view. Highly discounted from current Resort retail resale cost \$8,000.00 Richard 815 236-0642 [cubsgo100@gmail.com](mailto:cubsgo100@gmail.com)

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

## 1. Preclearance Comments from Tourism Minister Johnson

We've been inquiring to find out more about the future of preclearance at SXM Airport and we expect to have approximate dates when it may be implemented soon here in *SXM Weekly News*. SXM Tourism Minister Stuart Johnson offered us these exclusive insights into why preclearance means so much to the island:

*At present, travel to the US mainland from most Caribbean destinations requires connecting from within the United States to your final destination. These connecting flights are subject to border Customs and Immigration controls and can often be seen as the root cause for passengers missing connecting flights. With US Pre-Clearance, International Carriers have significantly more flexibility. This is because at present the flights originating out of the Caribbean must go to specific airports which have Border Protection Facilities in place. This limits the carriers from offering certain flights. The cost to land at these predetermined airports that have Border Protection is significantly higher than it would cost to land at airports that do not have Border Protection. Therefore leaving St. Maarten after clearing US Border Protection (Pre-Clearance) gives the advantage of having a domestic flight and a significantly lower rate for travel between St. Maarten and the United States. Attracting International Airlines will also be a simple question of how many we can handle since they would be able to adjust their expected load factor based on the advantage of being able to land their aircraft at an airport of their choosing with less fees involved since operating in airports with US Border Protection Services has a higher cost for the airlines.*

*This US Pre-Clearance will boost our Airport's hub function allowing us to attract even more Caribbean flights with passengers bound for the United States. The return on the investment for the Airport will be realized in a shorter time frame with the US Pre Clearance in place as a result of the increased airlifts from the USA.*

*Finally, the island's economy which depends mainly on tourism, will become more robust and we can have a longer tourism season. The island will be able to further explore home porting options for the Cruise Industry as the access to airlifts will have increased with US Pre Clearance. With the addition of hotels to the destinations, finding reasonable rates to get here will be easy and will increase the potential for hotels to fill beds. The economic stability the government of St. Maarten is seeking will be realized through US Pre Clearance. [End of Minister Johnson's statement. Emphasis added by *SXM Weekly News*.]*

Clearly the island would like to have preclearance become a reality effective tomorrow, but hurricane Irma deferred that option. We'll have more information on approximately when preclearance will start on SXM for passengers bound for America. It will be a huge deal for everyone concerned, and it certainly can't happen soon enough. --jmb

## 2. SXM Airport WiFi Returns Soon

Wi-Fi at SXM airport is now expected to be back in service within approximately the next six weeks. The following is the official statement from Princess Juliana International SXM Airport:

*As Wi-Fi connectivity becomes increasingly important to the world-class travelers at the Princess Juliana International Airport – SXM, it was imperative for its' Chief Executive Officer, Brian Mingo to re-introduce the much anticipated service at the "Package One" temporary operations on the ground floor level. The service will be implemented within a duration of six weeks, and serves as an essential part of the company's Customer Experience Improvement Plan.*

*Plans were already in the pipeline to implement a new Wi-Fi service before the devastation of Hurricane Irma in 2017, which then triggered more delays.*

*"With annual passenger numbers rising to greater levels, we anticipate that enhancing passenger satisfaction through this upgrade will further support the airport's future growth. We are proud to restore the technology at one of the busiest airports in the Caribbean and launch an user friendly, high-speed Wi-Fi that travelers can now expect," said Robert Brown, Manager of New Business Development during his opening statements at the press conference of the Wi-Fi signing agreement ceremony at the Puerta del Sol Plaza on Wednesday June 5, 2019.*

*"Once we had moved into the terminal building and out of the temporary Arrival and Departure Hall pavilions in December 2018, we felt it was time to accelerate the Wi-Fi plan." Mr. Brown further explained.*

*Princess Juliana International Airport will introduce the high-speed Wi-Fi after collaborating with the local internet service provider, Microtech Pro who were officially awarded the contract, marking yet another milestone for the long standing airport.*

*The decision came after SXM Airport carefully assessed the prospective companies, while adhering to its' procurement policy. It was also determined that Microtech Pro will be the premier provider of content and advertiser-supported internet access.*

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### 3. NHC Watches, Warnings, Etc. Arrive on Our SXM FB Site

Effective yesterday, Sunday, June 23, 2019, we started posting National Hurricane Center Bulletins on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Regardless of whether there are systems being watched, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) posts Tropical Outlooks and other routine posts multiple times per day. On Sunday, for example, we posted their then-current Outlook saying that no tropical development was expected in the next five days. As long as the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean remain quiet, we will have few NHC posts on our site. But when the tropical Atlantic becomes active, we will be posting all significant bulletins both in the Weather Center of our main everythingSXM.com website and, later, on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Our Weather Center on everythingSXM.com this season will include all current hurricane informational bulletins, satellite images, radar, etc. Be aware that bulletins from Crown Weather Services, our long-time partner private weather forecasting organization, will be posting its exclusive content on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) as necessary when any storms threaten SXM.

If you live or work anywhere where tropical systems could conceivably impact you or your business, we urge you to subscribe to Crown Weather Services predictions. We know a number of TV meteorologists and they invariably refer to Crown Weather's Rob Lightbown as the guy to go to for accurate hurricane weather forecasting. Find out more at [crownweather.com](http://crownweather.com).

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### 4. See Current SXM Weather / Tracking Serious 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.

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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## **5. Maho Execs Speak Out**

The entire Sonesta Maho complex faced more than a Herculean task in rebuilding after hurricane Irma. After post-storm demolition, for many months all that remained was the mere skeleton of the original building. The amount of work required to restore Sonesta Maho was truly enormous, but they completed everything stronger and better than before and opened before the end of the 2019 high season.

Here are some interesting [comments](#) from senior management at Sonesta Maho.

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## **6. Settlement Coming for Litigating Caravanserai T/S Owners?**

When credit card processing mogul Ray Sidhom bought Caravanserai resort after it had declared bankruptcy, he thought it would be fine to email a note to Caravanserai timeshare owners telling them that their timeshare contracts were null and void, and that the property had been taken over by new owners who are going to convert it into a high-end resort, now branded "The Morgan." Some of the thousands of timeshare owners who were livid about having their property taken away joined together, hired a lawyer, and filed suit against Sidhom.

They have won that suit, but Sidhom keeps appealing.

Some people have contacted us recently saying that the a settlement may be in the offing from Mr. Sidhom, but Ms. Carol-Anne Lee, spokesperson for the litigants, says that's not true. She told us, "No settlement [has been -Ed.] offered from Alegria to date. The Court of Appeals rendered a decision in favor of TOCA. The opposing party (Alegria) is now taking this litigation case to the Supreme Court in the Netherlands." She adds this: "Wow aren't those rumor mills churning! *There are no ongoing negotiations.*"

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## 7. Diamond Royal Palm & Flamingo To Open June '20

Diamond Resorts SXM properties Royal Palm Beach Resort and Flamingo Beach Resort have both announced and reiterated their plans for reopening in June 2020.

The word from Diamond Resorts is that they encountered conditions after Irma that were far worse than they had expected. As a result virtually all systems not only had to be rebuilt but completely redesigned and replaced. That, according to the resort, is the one and only reason that rebuilding and reopening has taken so long: it was just far more complicated than at first expected after seeing the full extent of damages, creating sophisticated plans to make sure future structures are capable of withstanding similar storms, and then source all of the matériel required to start the massive rebuilding projects.

Government officials were taken on a tour of the facilities recently and Yvonne Mendenhall, a moderator of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#), recently met with Diamond officials on the island and is preparing a complete report on that meeting which we expect to publish here in *SXM Weekly News*, hopefully next week.

Bottom line, it looks like two much more solid, storm-ready resorts are about a year away from opening.

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## 8. 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. Lots of outstanding info was communicated during this excellent seminar, and another is now in the early planning stages.

See the video [here](#).

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## 9. 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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## 10. 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](#).

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

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

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

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

You won't be disappointed.

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## 11. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick (Updated 6/19)

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

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

## 12a. Lead Story: Cruise Ship Passengers Rescued in Marigot Bay After Freak Accident

A group of young Marigot teenagers became instant heroes this past weekend when they jumped into the water to save people after a minibus carrying cruise ship passengers suddenly lurched into Marigot Bay. The young people pulled the passengers from the bus and brought them to safety on the shore.

They are being widely hailed for their actions by the French Side government and others, and Dr. Soc of Island 92 has invited them onto his "Fresh Air in the Morning" program to publicly recognize them. [This is audio](#) of his comments about them on his program this morning.

Senior French Side government official Valerie Damaseau posted these comments on her Facebook page:

*Today I met with the cruise guests that were involved in the accident yesterday along with the heroes of the day our brave young men: Enderson Lovinsti, Steve Artsen, Brisaxelle Richardson, Raheim Louisy-Wilson, [and] Rahjanie Louisy-Wilson.*

*The two men that were hospitalized are out safely and have to continue being monitored upon their return to their country.*

*"This is our 3rd time to the Island and we love it, What happened yesterday was an accident and we blame nobody for such. We love this Island and Will come again." Said the wife of one of the men. Today they are being transferred over to the dutch side after spending one night at Fantastic Hotel. Special thanks to St Martin United Taxi Association members, Honorable Minister Stuart A. Johnson and his team, Port St. Maarten, Royal Caribbean International cruise line, Freedom off the seas, the french tourism office and the collectivity for their assistance in this matter. To our heroes: ...you all showed great courage, strength and love above self and I say thank you for such. You put your life in danger to save others.*

*Tourism is you, Tourism is me, Tourism is us.*

More information on this accident is [here](#). French Side police continue to investigate.

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## 13. Lead Story #2: French Side: Water Temporarily Unfit for Drinking or Cooking

Thanks to a problem related to desalinization facilities on the French side of the island, water there is temporarily unfit to drink or use for cooking, although bathing is still safe, authorities are saying. The problem is temporary and involves only water from the French Side, not the Dutch, which has its own separate system.

French side restaurants remain open and remain fully capable of serving customers normally. They are using bottled water where required for both cooking and drinking. Scalding-hot tap water can be used as usual for dish washing.

Here is the entire text of the French Side's official announcement, made early Sunday morning:

### *Measures and background*

*The sanitary control of water intended for consumption is part of the prerogatives of the Regional Health Agency (ARS). In St. Martin, the formal and institutional search for bromates in drinking water does not seem to have been done up to the measurements made in May 2019. The only existing measures available to the EEASM are sporadic self-analyses carried out by the delegatee (GDE at the time) since 2010, when this measurement has been implemented by the decree of January 21, 2010 amending the decree of January 11, 2007 concerning the program of sampling and analysis of health control for water supplied by a distribution network.*

*While this element may at first glance seem worrisome since the production process has not changed since 2006, it is important that no major crisis related to the ingestion of bromates and the symptoms described by the ARS has been identified since then. The current measures are therefore precautionary.*

*New analyzes of the bromate level have already been ordered by the EEASM with a strong demand for shorter delays in the restitution of the results so that the necessary corrective and / or palliative measures can be adapted as quickly as possible.*

### *Reaction and outlook*

*The EEASM is of course very concerned by this new data and is naturally engaged in increasing the quality of water delivered to the population. However, studies of the impact of bromates at such low levels on health are scarce, as the phenomenon has been globally identified only recently.*

*Since the production systems and production conditions are the same in Saint-Martin and Saint Barts which experiences a similar bromate-related situation, the EEASM had already asked its delegatee to both allow self-monitoring of bromate levels and provide the technical means for these rates to comply with the applicable standards (10 µg / l in France). Concerning the analyzes and deadlines which alter the rates, the material for immediate measures is now available locally in Saint Barts where the investment has been made by a private laboratory. Also, it is important to note that the rates recorded by the ARS in Saint-Martin in May 2019 are three times lower than those found in Saint Barts .*

*In the first time, physico-chemical parameters along the production and distribution chain of drinking water will be modified in order to reduce these bromate levels.*

*In the medium term, the EEASM has started a deep renovation of the production system with a deadline of 8 months and the "bromate" date is naturally taken into account in this rehabilitation of the production tool.*

*The EEASM also intends to extend its partnership with the ARS so as to better the exchange of information between the two structures, particularly those related to water quality analyzes, and to improve the alert system for the population and the possible crisis management.*

*The bromates that develop over the distribution system are a direct consequence of the production practices and are a common element in all waters produced by desalination and are thus more and more monitored all over the world.*

### *Immediate distribution to the most vulnerable*

*Without delay, the Collectivité of Saint-Martin and the EEASM have decided to distribute water to the most vulnerable populations (Hospital, EHPAD, schools and public services more generally), The means of distribution and the beneficiaries may be adapted depending on the results and progress made to reduce these bromate levels.*

*Keep yourself posted! We invite the general public to follow the press releases that the Collectivité and the EEASM will elaborate as the situation evolves.*

*Reminder of the instructions issued under the precautionary principle:*

- Prohibition of drinking, for cooking or brushing teeth;*
- The water can be used for the following purposes: WC, cleaning surfaces, washing clothes and dishes, showers while being careful not to swallow it.*

*There is no risk of dermal absorption.*

*What follows is the entire announcement from the Dutch side, which in a nutshell is that Dutch Side water is a separate system and it's entirely safe to drink:*

*The Collective Prevention Services (CPS), a department of the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labour, has been informed by the authorities of the Collectivite of St. Martin that there is a precautionary ban in place on drinking and cooking with tap water from the French sides water distribution network.*

*The tap water [there -Ed.] can be used for cleaning and showering. The ban is in place due to an analysis carried out by the Regional Health Agency (ARS) of several districts on St. Martin which showed a high level of bromates within the water distribution system. Bromates is formed when ozone used to disinfect drinking water reacts with naturally occurring bromide found in source water. Bromate formation in disinfected drinking water is influenced by factors such as bromide ion concentration, pH of the source water, the amount of ozone and the reaction time used to disinfect the water. CPS advises anybody who experiences symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or cramps, to contact their family physician and thereafter to inform CPS about your case.*

*The situation on the French side of the island does not in no way impact the drinking water distribution supply on the Dutch side of the island. NV GEBE public utilities company on Saturday issued a statement with respect to the quality and safety of potable water on the Dutch side. The Collectivite of St. Martin based on information from ARS will provide an update to residents on Monday, June 24. For more information call CPS at 542-3003, 542-3553, 542-1122 or 542-1222.*

## 14. French Side Restaurants Perfectly Safe, as Always

Supplies of bottled water are ample across the island, enabling French Side restaurants to use high-quality bottled water for all their cooking needs and for guests requesting drinking water. As noted above, dish washing is not a problem since the tap water used is scalding hot.

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## 15. Dutch Side Water System is Separate & Safe

The French and Dutch Sides of the island have entirely separate drinking water systems, so the current, temporary problems with drinking water on the French side of the island have no impact whatsoever on the quality of drinking water on the Dutch Side.

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## 16. Vendors Nailed for Selling Fake Handbags

It has happened before, and it will probably happen again: some unscrupulous merchants on the island are selling fake high-end handbags.

Here is that complete [story](#).

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## 17. New, Bigger Super U Supermarket Opens at Hope Estate

The original Super U Supermarket on SXM, located in Marigot, was such a huge success that its French parent company bought the Simply markets located to the west of Marigot and in the Hope Estate with the expectation of converting the latter to a Super U and continuing to operate the Simply near the French side drawbridge.

The Simply market near the drawbridge was destroyed by hurricane Irma and the market in Hope Estate needed to be demolished and completely rebuilt in order to withstand future major category five storms like Irma.

All that is history: [the big new Super U at hope estate between Orient beach and Grand Case has now opened to rave reviews](#). It is several hundred square meters larger than the Marigot market and is fully stocked as always. Except for grand opening specials, prices at both markets are expected to be identical, even during sales. Some pictures of the new market already have been posted on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#); the pictures were taken by shoppers during the first days after the new market opened. You can find such posts by using the site's Search feature.

The Super U market in Marigot will continue to operate as always.

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## 18. Don't Chance Buying or Using Pot: Still Illegal

Although many states across the USA and the nation of Canada have legalized possession and use of marijuana, that is not the case in St. Maarten nor is any near-term action in that direction currently anticipated.

To avoid running afoul of local laws, it would be wise for foreigners not to bring or use any Marijuana products, including prescribed medications, to SXM.

We don't know whether SXM is interested, but it might be in the island's best interest for the governments of both sides to discuss in a theoretical way whether it might be beneficial to the island to legalize marijuana for medical and recreational purposes. We're not thinking that this could lead to a nation of pot-head tourists, simply that its availability might be good financially for the entire island and it would also relieve law enforcement officers on both sides of the need to waste time enforcing these particular laws when they probably have much more important things to do.

But right now, pot remains illegal on the island and should be scrupulously avoided.

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## 19. SXM Megayachts Now at Summer Playgrounds

Two prominent super-megayachts, Venus and Sailing Yacht A, both of which spent much of last winter in the waters off SXM and nearby islands, have now relocated to summertime playgrounds in the Mediterranean. Venus, the megayacht ordered by the late Steve Jobs before his tragic death from pancreatic cancer and now used by his family, left SXM earlier this month and has already been seen off the Spanish coast. Meanwhile, Russian billionaire Andrey Melnichenko's audacious Sailing Yacht A, off SXM, St. Barth, and Anguilla for most of last winter, is now in waters off Monaco.

Pictures of these two super-megayachts were published this past week on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). To find those pictures or information/photography on any other SXM subject, simply use the search window on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

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## 20. 40th Anniversary Heineken Regatta Coming in March

The 40th Heineken Regatta promises to be one of the biggest and baddest ever, with hundreds of boats from around the world participating in several days of renowned ocean racing. The Regatta is scheduled for March 5-8, 2020 and will be a not to be missed event. Its entertainment won't be trivial, either; in recent years, Jimmy Cliff, Shaggy, and UB40 as well as the Jackson family have been the lead entertainers.

Entertainment for 2020 will not be announced until the end of this year, but if past years are any indication the 40th anniversary entertainment should be spectacular. A very special new outdoor venue in the Princess Port du Plaisance area was erected for the first time this year for the 2019 Heineken Regatta, and the same type of facility is expected to be in use next March for Regatta #40. Will UB40 be back for HR number 40? Who knows? Read all our upcoming issues and you'll find out.

Much more about the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta is [here](#).

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## 21. Boca Marina at PDP, Lobster House

Where is Boca Marina?

Formerly located off airport road on Simpson Bay lagoon, Boca Marina has now relocated to the Port to Plaisance area and has been reincarnated as the Lobster House there.

Post your experience and your photos of Lobster House and other SXM restaurants on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). Please see story #23.

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## 22. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

A major promo continues on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *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 [skymed.com/jmb](http://skymed.com/jmb) (that new website goes live soon), but to qualify for these bonuses, you must buy by phoning us at (508) 747-8281 or email Jeff at [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto: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.

## 23. Restaurant of the Week:

**Mario's Bistro in Porto Cupecoy** continues to be one of SXM's very very best restaurants of any kind. French Canadian Mario Tardif opened his original restaurant on the narrow waterway next to the French Side drawbridge. The original restaurant was small and not overly ostentatious, but the food then -- more than 20 years ago -- was beyond extraordinary. Waits for reservations there were measured in months.

That rented building had seen its best days and ultimately, a few years ago (before Irma), Mario decided to relocate to his current location in Porto Cupecoy. There, Mario's Bistro is afforded a bit more space and a fitting, elegant Mediterranean community-like setting for his restaurant, which today is more extraordinary than ever.

Mario's Bistro offers a spectrum of creations that Mario has painstakingly developed. It truly is fine dining perfection, from one end of the meal to the other. Beef...fresh fish sourced from prime fishing grounds, locally or around the world ...and desserts that make anything less than Mario's seem mundane are there for you every day. The pear tartlet is outstanding and the salads and appetizers are over the top flat-out delicious.

You can decide in advance what you might want to have, but be prepared for the Specials. If you're like me, you'll be seduced by several items among the Specials -- and the challenge will be to decide what to have this time and what to save for next time (and how quickly you'll return).

Mario's is flat-out fantastic. Make reservations with Bobby the maitre d' and go....

### Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Mario Bistro** [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 6/24/19 Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

**Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy** (featured 6/17/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

**Mandarin Pan Asian, Port de Plaisance** (featured 6/10/19) Excellent Pan-Asian dining including Japanese, Thai, and Chinese. Nice setting near the casino at Port de Plaisance.

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://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 as stupendous as it ever was, with spectacular dining in an equally spectacular restored building on the Emilio Wilson Estate. Ask to see the wine cellar and the museum. Open for lunch and dinner: not to be missed.

**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.

**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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## 24. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / SkyMed.com/jmb

Our new SkyMed website is [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb), now live; please bookmark that 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; 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.

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## 25. Going Somewhere 10/1 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.**

**Buy a new SkyMed multiyear five-year membership from us now by phoning us at 508-747-8281 (at about \$1.35/day price guaranteed for 10 years when we take your application by phone) and we'll give you a 10 year new or renewal JMB Website Supporters membership on us. All you need to do is email us a copy of your welcome letter from SkyMed after approval to [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject SkyMed.**

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You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits [here](#).

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See next story for much more on SkyMed. Offer ends soon.

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## 26. \*\*\*\*\*SkyMed Customer Stories\*\*\*\*\* **Protect Against Pricey Emergency Medical Evacuations by Getting SkyMed:**

*Emergency medical evacuations are payable in cash in advance and often cost upwards of \$45,000 -- unless you have a SkyMed membership. SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, and where your health insurance actually works. It's available to Americans and Canadians and to X-Pats of both countries, taking them home from throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage is available covering every country around the world except those on the U. S. State Department watch list. SkyMed makes all medical evacuation arrangements and pays for them directly...you just pay for your SkyMed membership.*

*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.*

**Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in all these cases.** *SkyMed takes its members home, usually in a private, ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works. That's just one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.30/day for annual or multiyear memberships.*

*All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone in about 10 minutes. You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.*

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On its guaranteed renewable annual and multiyear memberships, SkyMed has a 90-day waiting period for coverage of pre-existing conditions -- everything else is covered in full as soon as your SkyMed membership has been approved, per SkyMed's member services agreement.

If you're traveling more than three months into the future, you can beat that one-time 90-day pre-existing conditions exclusion by joining today. That way the 90-day exclusion period will be over by the time you travel -- so you're covered in full, including pre-existing conditions, at that time.

SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. There is no age limit to apply, and once you're enrolled you can renew without further medical checks regardless of your attained age or your health at the time of renewal. Without SkyMed, if you need an Emergency Medical Evacuation, you must pay for it in cash, in advance. No cash, no evacuation. And the cost without SkyMed can be astronomical. Why risk that?

By contrast, if you're a SkyMed member, you call SkyMed directly and they make all the arrangements for all the services they provide. SkyMed Takes You Home -- what else matters?

And there is *no age limit to apply*. Call us at 508-747-8281 and ask for Jeff; he'll answer your questions and can take your application by phone, usually in under 10 minutes.

It's available to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats 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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<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweekly.../SkyMedServices.pdf>

Got questions? Call us daytimes (EDT) at 508-747-8281. Again, we can answer your questions and take your application by phone in about 10 minutes. We can set up evening phone appointments too. It's like fire insurance -- get it before you need it.

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## 29. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:**

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## **REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:**

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

## **RESORTS:**

**Simpson Bay Resort**

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## **RESTAURANTS:**

**IZI**

**SPIGA**

**VESNA TAVERNA**

**Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)**

**Melange (Port de Plaisance)**

**Pelican Bistro**

**Sale and Pepe**

**LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)**

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

**Pineapple Pete Restaurant**

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant**

## **VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES:**

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

[Jennifer's Vacation Villas](#) has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Site*.

**Candie Billant** does condo and villa rentals and sales. You will find her at [blueparadiserealty.com](http://blueparadiserealty.com).

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

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

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## **30. 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 very soon.

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

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

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## **32. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic**

SXM Weekly News, our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website and its Hurricane Center, and our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) — along with our many Vacation Giveaways and hundreds of benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership — *are all made possible through our partnerships with our JMB Website Supporters members and our Sponsors.*

Our Sponsorships enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. (Our site is based in the U. S. and is focused on the needs of tourists traveling to SXM.) If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email [susank@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susank@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". We'll get complete information to you quickly. Winter is here and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases throughout this year and into 2020. Contact us today for more information.

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**St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):**

**[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)**

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### **Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated**

JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: [http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml) .

#### **Want to rent or buy a week?**

**\*2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale\* are posted at [http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.**

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

- A. **Where to Get Member Info:** [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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Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) .

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