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1. New Issue for Boeing 737 MAX Jet Further Slows Its Return

All Boeing 737 MAX jets were grounded worldwide last March after two fatal crashes that investigators believe were related to its MCAS system.

After the grounding, some pilots here in the US noted to us that the crashes all involved airlines whose pilots allegedly have significantly less rigorous training than do pilots in the US. Regardless of whether inadequate training played a role in the crashes, the fact remains that the 737 MAX had quickly slid through FAA approvals — largely, published reports say, because it's derived from an airplane that had been in the skies for decades.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has now [publicly announced a new issue](#): one of the airplane's onboard computers must be reprogrammed and thoroughly retested *in addition to* the requirement for changes in the MCAS system. Otherwise, they suggest, the plane could still be problematic if anomalies occur while it is in the air. Boeing has long said that the 737 MAX is one of the safest planes in the sky — although of course today, it is not in the sky. They have also said on multiple occasions that they want to do the best possible job for their customers in getting the airplane back in the sky.

It seems to us that the only orientation Boeing should have is making sure that all of their aircraft are as safe as technology enables them to be. The MAX, by the time federal reviews on it are finished, should be one of the safest airplanes in the sky. Part of the reason this airplane wound up in the sky is that its approval process was expedited since it was a derivative aircraft, not something completely new: derivative aircraft have not been subject to the same level of scrutiny as new aircraft. That policy must change so that all derivative aircraft get the same intensely rigorous examination as completely new aircraft receive.

The Federal Aviation Administration has lost the confidence of millions of flyers for this Boeing Debacle, the responsibility for which rests just as much with the FAA as it does with Boeing. Of, that, Sully Sullenberger said [this](#).

We have immense confidence that this airplane will be safe once it is finally authorized to return to the skies, albeit with the proviso that many people will likely refuse to board MAX for at least a year after it returns to service: the FAA and Boeing both allowed the public to be guinea pigs for the 737 MAX, a terrible error that can never happen again.

1a. Is LIAT Dead Yet?

Answer: Not quite; the countries that each own part of it are still trying to keep it going. And again, Richard Branson has expressed interest at times, though LIAT now says Branson has not approached the airline. This story on LIAT's current situation is [here](#).

2. SXM Airport Still Awaits \$; Mingo Warns "Dire Consequences"

When we interviewed Ravi Daryanani, then SXM airport CFO and acting CEO about the status of the airport a few months ago, he told us that the airport repairs that enabled the main terminal to reopen earlier this year were funded through the airport's reserves, not through insurance. The airport was offered and agreed to accept reconstruction financing through the World Bank and other sources, about USD\$100-million worth — all dependent upon the island's 2019 budget being completed in a timely fashion.

As of about a week ago, the island government's 2019 budget had still not been passed by the Parliament. Now, Brian Mingo, current SXM Airport CEO, is warning of "dire consequences" unless the budget is passed at once enabling the airport to move ahead and complete its reconstruction within the next year or so.

This is [the full story](#). There was no real definition of "dire consequences" nor has there been any further definition of when the airport expects to implement preclearance, which it has always maintained is a high priority. (We're guessing 2022 but hoping for earlier; it's a complex project.)

3. NHC Watches, Warnings, Etc. Arrive in Our SXM FB Group

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 Group](#).

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 Group](#) 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](#).

4. 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 Group](#), 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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5. La Playa Reopens on Orient Beach

The La Playa hotel on Orient beach has reopened; see its website [here](#).

6. Flamingo, RP Formalize June 2020 Reopening (Correction)

Diamond Flamingo Beach Resort and Diamond Royal Palm Beach Resort have both now confirmed that they will be reopening in June 2020, one more year.

Diamond has taken pains to point out that far more in-depth infrastructure work was required to restore both resorts than had been expected after Irma hit. They, along with other resorts that opened earlier, have said that they have rebuilt much stronger to help prevent the recurrence of the kind of catastrophic damage that was suffered during hurricane Irma, the strongest hurricane in Atlantic basin history and the second strongest tropical cyclone in the recorded history of planet Earth.

Bottom line, it looks like two much more solid, storm-ready resorts are about a year away from opening. (This is corrected / updated from the story that ran last week that had erroneously listed July '20 as the opening date.)

7. 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](#).

8. 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 Group](#).

9. Get Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Worldwide

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

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You won't be disappointed.

10. 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 [everythingsxm.com](#). Check them out.

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

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

11. 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](#).

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

11a. LEAD STORY: Politicians Square Off Against New Hospital

It revolves around the fact that the construction company slated to build it had been part of a larger business that went belly up a while back, but the builder says everything is fine and they'll be perfectly capable of building the hospital as contracted. Popular health Minister Emil Lee, who also owns the Princess Heights boutique hotel / condominiums, and who supports the company, has been attacked by opponents who think this is the start of a new national nightmare.

Here is [more](#). [This](#) is about a no-confidence motion concerning Minister Lee.

12. Three Perish in Separate Water Accidents

Three St. Maarten residents passed away in the last few days as a result of accidents in the waters around the island.

The first was a drowning, discovered when a lifeless body was seen floating off "Kimsha" beach — the section of Simpson Bay beach between Royal Palm Beach Resort and Atrium.

In the second accident, two 15 year-olds, a boy and a girl, went into the lagoon from the French side on a Jet Ski at night after a party and were ultimately fatally injured.

Our condolences to all the families and friends of the victims of these human tragedies.

As we previously reported, there have been several drownings this year in area waters. We'd like to remind all readers to always swim with others, and to avoid swimming after drinking. Also, never turn your back on the ocean; one unexpected large wave can come out of nowhere and slam you, causing potentially serious permanent damage.

13. Johnson Calls For Removal of Last Irma "Eyesores"

Stuart Johnson, who currently serves in the Dutch side government as Minister of Tourism with responsibilities for other areas, has decried the fact that there are still a number of sunken boats in some of the island's bays, nearly two years after Irma struck, despite the fact that the vast majority of such watercraft were removed long ago.

This is the full text of his message:

Tourism Minister the honourable Stuart Johnson has expressed concern over the almost two-year delay in removing wrecked vessels from the coastal waters and lagoon on Dutch St. Maarten.

He is advocating a call to action by all concerned parties for the expedited removal of the boat wrecks.

Since September 6th, 2017, several vessels, some that were on the seaside and others in inland waters, were damaged when hurricanes Irma and Maria struck the island.

Almost one month into the 2019 hurricane season there are still several wrecked vessels that have not been removed. As we drive on the Airport Road or the Causeway Bridge, these reminders of the devastating impact that hurricane Irma had on the island send a negative message about our recovery efforts, and distracts from the positive work our people have done to rebuild our destination, said Johnson.

"As a tourist destination that has spent the better part of the past 12 months working on promoting the reopening of the island post-Irma and Maria, I find it horrendous that we still have these wreckages in plain view for our visitors to see," said Johnson on Sunday.

Whether it is a funding issue or an administrative bottleneck that has caused the delay in removing these vessels, Johnson believes that the time has long past, and it is now at the point where the situation which was called a "Crisis by others" needs to be resolved urgently.

The Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport & Telecommunication (TEATT) is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the disaster management component of the Marine Trade Industry is revised to provide better safeguards during a disaster.

However, Johnson laments that the dilemma and challenge posed by having existing wrecks still in the water heading into the most active period of the hurricane season are that these same wrecks will be the cause of further damage should a hurricane develop in our region.

He said now is simply not the time for continued bureaucratic delaying and red tape. "We have spent too long planning and talking, and I believe this is the time for a real call to action. These vessels cannot continue to be an eyesore for our people or be left to cause further destruction to our environment," said Johnson.

The Yachting Industry contributes significantly to the island's economy and ... is crucial to the Government's promise of providing a sustainable living for the people. "This industry must be protected, and whatever needs to happen, the bottom line is that these wrecks must go," said Johnson.

The St. Maarten Recovery, Reconstruction and Resilience Trust Fund's Annual Report 2018, prepared by the St. Maarten Trust Fund Secretariat, Caribbean Country Management Unit, and Latin America and the Caribbean Region World Bank produced for April - December 2018, stated that there were still 130 wrecks to be disposed of by April of that year....

14. SXM Recovery + Dominican Turmoil = Busy Summer

The recovery of St. Maarten / St. Martin from hurricane Irma was far more rapid and complete than anyone had expected, particularly on the Dutch side of the island.

As tourists suddenly discovered when they returned in droves to the island last winter, SXM is back — unambiguously and "almost" completely. Just about all your favorite restaurants have long since been completely renovated and reopened; beaches are all clean and gorgeous; roads are in very good condition; and a very high percentage of hotels and timeshares have reopened on both sides of the island. New hotel, timeshare, condo, and even all-inclusive hotel projects are either on the drawing board or well underway, soon to increase the tourism capacity of the island in a very major way.

Couple that with all of the recent turmoil in the Dominican Republic — the consequence of which has been a huge numbers of cancellations there — as well as pent-up demand on the part of tourists to return to SXM repeatedly now that it has recovered — and you see why a very busy summer is expected, to be followed by another even busier winter season.

If you have time for another trip to SXM this summer or later, it's not too late to make reservations. July weatherwise is the best month of the year on the island, and August is usually a close second.. Whether you pick Belair Beach Resort, Simpson Bay Resort, Oyster Bay Beach Resort, Divi, or prefer a small, friendly resort on the beach like Azure Hotel and Art Studio on crystal-clear Simpson Bay — just do it. Just about every restaurant is open, traffic is less, prices are down for accommodations and car rentals, and you will have a great time. You can even set up time to make your own perfume at Tijon Parfumerie on the French side opposite Spiga — a fun, very inexpensive and highly memorable experience (see story 16a.)

15. You're Invited to JMB's Summer Island Parties

We currently have in planning two parties this summer, one late in July and the other on August 23 at Toppers Rhum Distillery.

The second party will feature two special guests — renowned author and Netflix TV series producer and star Jacky Rom, who will be letting attendees in on her current activities and her future plans — including writing a new novel this year from her writing base in SXM.

The second guest will be Topper Daboul himself, for whom Toppers Distillery is named. He'll be talking about two new shorefront condominium projects that are now underway along or near Simpson Bay beach: see story 8 for more information on these projects if you are thinking at all of relocating to SXM.

Both parties require Preregistration; as soon as they are ready for Registration, we will announce them via an email sent specifically to JMB Website Supporters members and also to our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Click the link to [join that group](#) and you won't lose out on making it to one or both of these parties.

16. Spiga Taking Long Summer Vacation Starting July 24

Spiga — easily the best restaurant of any kind on the French side of the island, and one of the very best restaurants on the entire island — is going to take a long summer vacation, starting July 24 and ending in mid-October. They certainly deserve it, after creating absolutely magical culinary delights for many years and starting again just a few weeks after hurricane Irma had struck. Lara and Ciro Russo have an extraordinary restaurant here which is not to be missed before they close on July 24.

We'll have more to say about Spiga before they reopen in October -- as usual. Bottom line, it is one extraordinary restaurant.

16a. Tijon Parfumerie: "Make Scents" To Cure What Ails You

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to select various fragrances and test combinations that yield something special -- a fragrance that uniquely says "you"?

Every day, men and women are creating their own colognes or perfumes at Tijon Parfumerie diagonally across the street from Spiga Restaurant at the northern end of Grand Case, French Side.

Owners John and Cindy give you simple instructions so you can do it yourself in their Grand Case lab. It's fascinating, educational, and lots of fun. My wife did it a few years ago and I did it a couple of years ago and loved it. Named my cologne "Orient Sunrise" and have been wearing it every night since.

Tijon has repeatedly earned our **Everything SXM Award of Excellence** for many years.

Learn more about Tijon at www.tijon.com.

Tijon gives discounts to JMB members. Still not a member? It's time you joined:

New memberships:

http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal memberships:

www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

Membership Reinstatements:

<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

16b. Create Your Own Unique SXM Charm Bracelets

Just go to your favorite SXM Jewelers (or ask for recommendations on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#)) for excellent choices. When we created ours, we started at Zhaveri Jewelers and combined pieces from there with others at Caribbean Gems. Ilene now has two she wears on and off SXM. Seashells, starfish, SXM island shapes, clogs, champagne glasses -- lots of charms to choose from. Great fun putting unique ones together, too.

Patronize any of the jewelers posting on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) -- you can't go wrong with any of them, all wonderful choices.

17. Nearby Islands, Neat Experiences

Although SXM is our universal choice for an ideal vacation island, we urge you not to neglect the islands that are nearby and offer very different but nonetheless very warm and enduring vacation possibilities.

Anguilla has earned the distinction of having roads that are worse than SXM, especially in the Valley, the heart of the island, when the main road may remind you of a patchwork quilt your grandmother made that's now safely in storage for use next winter.

Roads aside, Anguilla has a collection of large, luxurious resorts scattered on more than a dozen breathtaking beaches from one end of the island to the other. Plus, you can reach Anguilla easily by taking an inexpensive 20 minute ferry ride to the Blowing Point terminal from downtown Marigot. Don't forget to bring some cash for port fees as well as your passport. Also bring your appetite, because Anguilla like SXM has a large number of extraordinary restaurants — and you'll want to spend time there as well as visit all of those picture postcard perfect amazing beaches.

A quick plane ride with an interesting landing will bring you to **St. Barth**, plainly visible from the Dawn beach area and not all that far away. The plane ride is the fastest and smoothest way to get there, though there are also ferries from Marigot on which you may need a barf bag if the waters are exceptionally choppy, which can easily be the case. Gustavia, St. Barth's capital city, has extraordinary shopping and a spectrum of restaurants of all descriptions. Rent a car the airport and make your way around the island fairly slowly, since the roads are narrow, well paved, but very curvy with lots of hills. There are plenty of beaches here too, and on some of them clothing is optional. Resorts here are small and very, very expensive. On the other hand, you may save plenty at the island's designer stores which often sell top clothing, cosmetics, beachwear, and more for less than you would pay for it in the US. St. Barth is the seasonal home of the rich and famous: isn't it time you did some hobnobbing?

Very different from St. Maarten, Anguilla, or St. Barth, **Statia (St. Eustatius)** is a small island with currently inactive volcanoes at each end. You can see it from the eastern coastline of SXM a bit to the left of Saba. In the summer, Statia is very arid, and its beaches tend to be rough where lots of turtles lay their eggs and few people venture into the very rough surf. Diving here is extraordinary though, whether you're looking for shipwrecks, exotic fish, coral, or whatever; Statia is regarded as one of the very best destinations for divers anywhere in the Caribbean. With only 4000 people, crime is virtually nonexistent there: everybody knows everybody and the place is quiet, quiet, quiet; if you're looking for excitement, this ain't the place for you — but by the same token, if you're looking for pure relaxation this is certainly the place for you.

We have not yet been to **Saba**, the nearby island that looks like a pyramid, but we're going to ask a close friend if she can write about it for us and we would plan to run her story in a future issue of *SXM Weekly News*. We do hope to visit Saba in November anyway.

If you have stories about nearby islands that you'd like to tell our audience, please email them to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject *Nearby Island Stories*. We look forward to receiving them.

18. Want To Help a Dog Get a New Life in USA/Canada?

Although we put information about dog adoptions on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), not everyone is in a position to adopt a dog, for various reasons. You can help anyway at no cost to you by transporting a dog from SXM to a city where someone is waiting to adopt it. Use the contacts on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) which frequently need people to accompany dogs whose transportation is prepaid. You'll make the dog, yourself, and its future owner very happy.

Our busy [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) contains an enormous amount of useful island information in its Files area. Go to the site, sign up to join it (don't forget to answer the three brief vetting questions), then check on the files, where you'll find among them a specific reference tool on **dog adoptions** on SXM. Rescue dogs make phenomenal pets and they don't seem to mind the cold, either, if you live in a colder climate.

19. Lee's, Big Fish, & Sale & Pepe Openings Due

Lee's Roadside Grill, Big Fish restaurant, and Sale and Pepe all have one thing in common — they are likely to be opening later this month and all they are awaiting is final inspections and licensing.

Lee's Roadside Grill had been located on Simpson Bay lagoon opposite Royal Palm Beach Resort, but it was demolished by its landlord some time ago. Lee has built a new restaurant across the street from Atrium Resort in Simpson Bay. All that new restaurant is waiting for is permits/licensing. It should certainly be open some time this summer. As soon as that happens, we'll post pictures and more information on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which we invite you to join.

Big Fish restaurant is just about ready to reopen in Oyster Pond, on the road to Oyster Bay Beach Resort. It, too, is simply waiting for final inspections/permits. We'll be reporting when Big Fish reopens. It will be run by its long-time owner, Chef Leslie Martina.

Sale and Pepe's restaurant is due to move from its current location to the new building in Simpson Bay near the end of the airport runway. It's a much more modern, upscale building than their current location. This move, too, will be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) when it happens.

20. 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

(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 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.

21. Restaurant of the Week: Spiga

Easily among the top two or three SXM restaurants, under the ownership of Lara and Ciro Russo **Spiga** has become a virtual legend on the island. Though reasonably priced, their highly creative authentic Italian dining is upscale and incredible, from their classic appetizers (especially amazing are their homemade raviolis) through to their delicately presented but outstanding and sumptuous desserts.

For your main course... Whether you choose seafood (meticulously fresh), poultry, or their best-on-the-island beef tenderloin, you'll love and savor every... single... bite. The portions are generous but sooo good, you'll want to savor...every...bite. (Get it?) Heavenly dining in a perfect ambiance with seasoned waitstaff and absolutely flawless execution. Don't miss Spiga. Note: They will be on vacation from July 24 to mid October.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 7/2/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

Mario Bistro 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 (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 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.

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 Group](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

22. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / SkyMed.com/jmb

Our new SkyMed website is 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.

23. 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 with the subject SkyMed.

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.

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

By buying annual protection now at only about \$1.35/day, pre-existing conditions will be covered in full after a brief 90-day waiting period. SkyMed covers you in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global coverage is available as well. For answers to your questions, call us today at 508-747-8281.

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

Again, our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb: please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

Customer stories are below.

24. *****SkyMed Customer Stories***** Protect Against Pricy 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.

Nobody is immune: anything can happen anywhere. Do it today. To learn more, visit www.skymed.com/jmb, our new SkyMed site, going live shortly.. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters in this section.

More Info on SkyMed...

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.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:

<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.

When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone. It takes under 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 also get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you. SkyMed calls only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time.. Thank you.

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Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See skymed.com/jmb. SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

See the rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits

25. Are You Military?

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

Visit everything.sxm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership. We'll also need a DD214 with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you.

26. Less Money, More Benefits, Ten Year Price Guarantee on SkyMed Ultimate

Get The Current Low Price
on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership
and keep the current low price on your first 5-yr. renewal.
That's a 10-year price guarantee.
More benefits... same price.

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See www.skymed.com/jmb, our new site, going live shortly.

27. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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[Starlite Car Rental](#) (Belair Resort)

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[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#)

[Exclusive Car Rental](#) (new)

CUBAN CIGARS:

[Cigar Mack](#)

[SXM Cigars](#)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:

[SkyMed International](#) (Covers the entire USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global coverage available. Sold only to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats living in these countries.)

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Majesty Jewelers

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

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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 Group*.

RESORTS:

Simpson Bay Resort

Azure Hotel & Art Studio

Baker's Suites

RESTAURANTS:

[IZI](#)

[SPIGA](#)

[VESNA TAVERNA](#)

SNOOPY'S

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 Group*. 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 Group*.

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

Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies

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

Updated 7/2/19

28. 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.

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

Check out our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and our main SXM website, [everythingsxm.com](#).

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30. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic

SXM Weekly News, our everythingSXM.com website and its Hurricane Center, and our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — 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 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.

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

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