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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 6/27/2020 7/4/2020 week 26 **Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Ocean front unit in Flamboyant Building with 2 bedrooms and two bathrooms, kitchen, living room, balcony overlooking the**

beach. Timeshare tax payable to resort at end of the week \$50. \$2,500 Pam. 757 868 6001 pam_falls@msn.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 11/16/2019 12/14/2019 Week 46 Week47 Week 48 Week 49 The Villas at Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Located on 3rd floor with ground level parking, spacious villa overlooking Simpson Bay, with Master Suite and lockout Junior Suite. Master offers full kitchen, dining area, living room with 2 Murphy Beds, bedroom with king sized bed, spacious bathroom. Junior offers efficiency kitchen, spacious bathroom, 2 double beds. Balconies in both suites. \$60,000.00 US Pearl 506 872 3843 prnowlan@yahoo.ca

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

1. All Eyes East as Tropics Moisten Up

An Atlantic tropical wave moving very slowly westward from the Cape Verde islands is expected to moisten up the tropics, where tropical development has been inhibited by the presence of dry Saharan air and Saharan dust. A more moistened ocean pathway may pave the way for robust monsoonal storms now crossing Africa to emerge off the African continent's West Coast and into the tropical Atlantic. Once there, that more moistened pathway could enable the storms to make it across the ocean, though where exactly they would go can't be predicted. Bear in mind, however, that it is often such long-track storms that can inflict serious damage if they interact with populated areas.

As always, we will be watching storms closely — especially those that may threaten either the Northeast Caribbean, where SXM is located, or any part of the US or Maritime Canada. We publish all relevant watches and warnings in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). And again, we remind all readers who are ever in the path of any tropical cyclones that our source of critical storm information is Crown Weather, which offers very inexpensive private forecasts to its subscribers. For the sake of your home or business if you're in an area that may experience tropical systems, go to crownweather.com and look into subscribing with them.

2. Higher Holiday Travel Prices Due As Boeing 737 Max 8 Unlikely to Fly Until 2020

In what is now the longest global grounding of any commercial aircraft in history, the Boeing 737 Max 8 continues to stay on the ground and is not now expected to return to service until some time next year.

The largest user of Max 8 aircraft, Southwest Airlines, which does not currently serve SXM but is expected to do so, is seeing significant upward pressure on fares for the 2019 holiday season since it is convinced that the Max 8 will not be back in the air until some time early next year. Boeing is reportedly working feverishly to complete software and related upgrades to its MCAS and other systems and to thoroughly test those upgrades and rewrites to ensure ultimate aircraft and passenger safety.

Boeing will turn over its proposed solutions to the FAA only when it is totally convinced that it has discovered all of the aircraft's problems and fixed them. Airlines are losing money without the planes and both Boeing and the FAA have two black eyes after the fatal crashes of Ethiopian Airlines and Lion Air Max 8s in which 346 people perished.

Airlines resuming use of the planes next year should expect wide push-back from passengers, millions of whom would consider themselves guinea pigs if they returned to the currently un-trusted aircraft before knowing whether they are really, really safe to fly.

At the end of the day, we expect that the Max 8 won't be perfect but that it probably will be one of the safest airliners in the sky. On the other hand, the airline we primarily travel, JetBlue, currently doesn't fly any Boeing products.

3. Canadian Airline Consolidations May Hurt Customers

An increasingly influential blog written by a pilot for a large legacy airline is suggesting that the recent consolidation of Canadian airlines is going to be bad for consumers.

Read more [here](#).

4. San Juan Situation Eases as Governor Resigns...

Demonstrations turned to celebrations late last week in San Juan as massive protests against the island's governor paid off when he resigned office. Information on the resignation is [here](#).

But problems for Puerto Rico aren't necessarily over; the new governor has her share of baggage, though perhaps not as much as her predecessor. It remains to be seen whether this will be a smooth transition.

There has been no effect from all these demonstrations on connections to SXM or anywhere else through the San Juan airport, SJU, though some cruise lines, as we have previously reported, did cancel port calls in San Juan at the height of the demonstrations.

We'll continue to watch this.

5. Stunning Irma Video, Then and Now

A couple of months after the passage of hurricane Irma in 2017, we stopped posting photos and videos of the storm and moved on to coverage of the island's astonishing recovery.

Now, a new video of that incredible recovery has been released, and it is one of the most impactful videos we have ever seen of this storm and of the recovery.

You can see the video [here](#).

6. Where to Download NHC's Hurricane Tracking Chart

Blank hurricane tracking charts similar to those that have been used by the folks at the National Hurricane Center for many years are now available for download; download yours [here](#) (that's the NHC download site).

7. NHC Watches, Warnings, Etc. Are Our SXM 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. 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 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 person to go to for accurate hurricane weather forecasting. Find out more at [crownweather.com](#).

8. 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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9. "Secrets" Resort Moves Opening Earlier: 2/1/2020

Unlike some SXM timeshare resorts, the Secrets Resort opening on the site of the former Riu Palace in Anse Marcel, French Side, has announced it will be opening before its originally announced opening date: the new date is February 1, 2020, about a month earlier than originally announced.

You can verify this information [here](#).

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10. Flamingo Reopening Delayed Again, To Fall 2020

Diamond Flamingo Beach Resort, closed since Irma struck early in September, 2017, now says it expects to reopen sometime in the fall of 2020, a full three years after the hurricane struck.

Some other St. Maarten resorts never really closed at all (Simpson Bay Resort, Divi, and Atrium) and others reopened very quickly after the storm had struck — Belair Beach Hotel and Oyster Bay Beach Resort. Two properties were closed permanently by Irma — Summit Resort Hotel and Ocean Club, both completely destroyed by the storm.

The information the resort released to its timeshare owners follows:

When will the resort be open for occupancy?

*Construction is estimated to be substantially complete by August 2020. Contractors will turn the resort over to the operations team to stock each unit with all operating supplies and equipment. Each unit will then have to be punched to make sure everything in the unit (light switches, electrical outlets, plumbing, drawer glides and anything else you could think of) is in working order. *Once the substantial completion date has been solidified, the resort will be open for reservations. The last thing we want to do is take reservations too soon, only to have to reschedule after you have made your travel plans."

Yvonne Mendenhall, who is not affiliated with the resort except as a timeshare owner writing to other timeshare owners through their newsletter, adds: "Please note the word ESTIMATED -- until hurricane season has passed, the

risk of work being interrupted is high enough that no firm construction completion or re-opening date will be confirmed.

Based upon this still ambiguous comment from Diamond, it appears that the earliest the resort will reopen is some time next Fall.

If there are any changes to the Royal Palm schedule (another SXM Diamond Resort), they weren't discussed here.

We'll continue to follow this story.

11. Still More Timeshare Inventory Coming Online in 2020...

The St. Maarten Timeshare Association (SMTA) says that its member resorts will be adding inventory during 2020; here are [the details](#).

What the report doesn't say is that at least one resort is going to nearly double in size. It will start a construction project very soon that has not yet been formally announced. As soon as that announcement is released, we'll name the resort.

12. Towers at Mullet Bay, Westin Stay Shuttered - Sort of

For reasons that have yet to be explained publicly with any degree of clarity, both the Westin St. Maarten Resort and Casino at Dawn beach and the Towers at Mullet Bay timeshare resort remain closed — sort of.

Columbia Sussex, the owners of the Westin, have concentrated on their adjacent Dawn Beach Club timeshare resort and some of its employees have told people staying there that work on the Westin won't be started until the work on the Dawn Beach Club has been totally completed.

Media inquiries asking whether the Westin will reopen, or when it will reopen, remain unanswered. Scuttlebutt coming from people inside the resort who have no authority to speak for it are saying that it will become a five-star property and reopen in 2020. At the moment, there is no official confirmation that the resort will ever reopen and nothing on what its chain affiliation might be if/when it does. Some have speculated that it will be a Marriott but the fact is that no one outside the ownership really knows.

Regardless, not talking about the future of a major resort seems to us to be a bizarre slant on marketing unless the place will actually never reopen. Secrets has done a great job of building up their future resort. Columbia Sussex, in our opinion as travel journalists, would be benefitted by following the same direction: it's Marketing 101.

13. At Captain Oliver's, Status Quo Still Unchanged

Whoever said that the border between the French side and the Dutch side of SXM was set in the 1600s and has been stable ever since was dead wrong.

Just ask Maggi Shurtleff, whose Capt. Olivers Resort and Restaurant, destroyed by hurricane Irma, has been caught in a tug-of-war between the Hague and Paris ever since.

In fact, the border dispute began several years before Irma hit and has been plaguing Ms. Shurtleff ever since. There is precious little she can do to rebuild her source of income while Paris and the Hague dawdle when, at this point, they could just as easily flip a coin.

Here is the latest from the [Daily Herald](#).

14. 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](#).

Next week we expect to add a link here to Bright Path, a company that can help provide very deep and expeditious help in completing residency requirements for people buying a second home, income property, or a new business in SXM. They're located in the Puerta del Sol building opposite Avantika, Simpson Bay, Dutch side.

15. 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](#).

16. 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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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.

17. 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.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

18. 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

19. French Side Drinking Water Situation Improves

Although the drinking water situation on the French side of the island is improving, you still can't drink the water there. Here's [full information](#) on what you can and can't do with French side tapwater.

20. Is Kim Sha Beach Safe for Swimming?

Although thousands of cruise ship passengers have visited and have gone swimming there since cruise ships started returning to SXM a few weeks after Irma hit, nonetheless stories persist about the safety of the beach for swimming.

A reader of *SXM Weekly News*, citing information from an unverified source, asked us about the situation. Working with Dr. Soc of Island92 radio (Jeff Sochrin), Tadzio Bervoets of the Nature Foundation has provided a detailed response. So...

Join Dr. Soc and Jeff on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 9:45 AM AST on air at 91.9 FM or online at www.island92.com (click listen live) as they discuss many recent inquiries about swimming at St. Maarten's Kimsha Beach. (Technically, Kimsha is part of Simpson Bay Beach, but it is often commonly called Kimsha Beach after a previous establishment that was located in the area.) If you are on the island, tune in at 91.9 FM.

We also are asking Dr. Soc to post the coverage in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) sometime later today.

21. Not-to-be-Missed Dutch Side Carnival Dates: 4/16-5/3

Although the Heineken Regatta early in March is the biggest single event all year long on SXM, the Dutch side Carnival starting in mid April is a close second. If you haven't been here for Carnival, it's time you got here even if all you see is the huge Dutch side Carnival parade, where thousands of island residents dress up in unimaginably audacious costumes.

In fact, if you visit our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and go to the PHOTOS area, you will find a number of pictures of this year's carnival — just to give you some idea of what to expect.

If you already have a vacation planned on SXM at another time, the Carnival is ample reason to come again.

22. iZi Is #1 Restaurant in Simpson Bay: TripAdvisor Readers

According to TripAdvisor, there are some 88 restaurants in the Simpson Bay area.

Now, the globally read consumer travel advice site's readers have voted iZi Ristorante Italiano the number one restaurant of any kind in the entire Simpson Bay area.

IZi is the winner of numerous awards, including certificates from TripAdvisor as well as a number of our own Everything SXM Awards of Excellence for the last several years. One of the most exciting new things iZi is doing is its tasting menu (advance reservations required). It's quite extraordinary.

23. Isola Island Party Pictures Posted

A number of pictures of last week's island party held at Isola restaurant next to Hollywood casino have now been posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). The sold out party drew a number of members visiting the island.

If you missed it, we're throwing another party for JMB Website Supporters members in a little over three weeks at Toppers Rhum Distillery; it's our end of summer bash. See next story.

24. End of Summer Bash at Toppers Rhum Distillery: You're Invited

Here are all the details:

If you're a JMB Website Supporters member, you're invited to attend our August 23, 2019 [JMB Members SXM Island Party](#) to be held at Toppers Rhum Distillery, Jobco Complex #3, Well Road #9, Colebay St. Maarten. Time: 6-8 pm. Arrive early please. Check-in will likely start a bit

before 6pm.

You **MUST** preregister. Once you do, your confirmation will be emailed to you.

Preregistration is required; see How To Register, below.

Island Party Features:

- Appetizers
- Welcome Drink
- Open Bar
- Rhum Tasting
- Mini distillery tour

To cover the cost of the open bar, the Toppers Rhum Distillery will charge \$15 per person to all attendees (cash) upon entry. There are no other costs unless you (wisely) decide to buy some of Toppers delicious rhums or souvenirs of your visit.

Learn much more about Toppers Rhum at toppersrhum.com.

Special Guests!

Guest #1:

Noted British author Jacky Rom, who does much of her writing at her "vacation" villa in SXM, is now also a Netflix TV series producer and star. She'll 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. This is about her new Netflix series:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNK0i1PpQk0>

She will also have copies of her latest novel, *From Vegas to Villainy*, available for purchase and will be happy to autograph these first editions. More on the book is here:
<https://www.amazon.com/Vegas-Villainy-Sandra-Bernstein-Chronicles/dp/191644007X>

Guest #2:

The second guest will be Topper Daboul himself, for whom Toppers Rhum Distillery is named. He'll be talking about his two new shorefront condominium projects that are now underway along or near Simpson Bay beach: see our Everything SXM Facebook Group posting for more information on these projects if you are thinking at all of relocating to SXM or buying income property there:
www.facebook.com/groups/mysxm

Use the Search Window to trace the word "Drake" to find news of this project.

At this party, you'll be invited to sample some of Toppers' many rhum flavors. There will be mini-tours

of the distillery, and you may decide you want the full scale tour also presented by the distillery during daily operations. If so, the Toppers Rhum folks will give you a discount certificate toward a reduced-cost full-scale Distillery Tour you can take during your trip to SXM.

How To Register...

*This promises to be one of our biggest parties of the year, so please register early; registration is **now open**:*

1. **Membership:** You must be a JMB member in good standing to attend. If your membership has expired, please renew now at the Membership Renewal Center on the Secret Site, or by calling Membership Services at 508-830-3456 daytimes during regular office hours EDT. ***If you're not a JMB member and want to check into membership, click the page curl on our main site, everythingxsm.com; you can join online there.***

When phoning, leave your membership #, credit card info, billing address, and the length of renewal or reinstatement that you want:

Renewal JMB memberships:

6 years, \$139 (best offer); 3 yrs., \$79; 1 yr., \$39
<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Reinstatement JMB memberships:

6 years, \$139 (best offer); 3 yrs., \$79; 1 yr., \$39
<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

2. **Who Can Attend:** Member and spouse / partner; you may bring a guest or two, but everyone *must* be preregistered. ***Sorry, no children under the age of 18 and NO EXCEPTIONS.*** We have space for up to 125 people. When registering you must give us the names and email addresses of your guests (max two.)

3. **What We Need / How To Register:** Email susank@jmbcommunications.com and in your email give us the names of who will be attending, your email address, and your JMB Website Supporters membership number. For security please also tell us your street address. We will acknowledge your email and confirm your attendance. *If you have guests, give us their information as well. We'll confirm guests, we expect, later during August. The Subject of your email must be DISTILLERY PARTY Aug. 23.*

4. **The Last Word About This Party:** Again, no children under 18, and cash is needed for the \$15 p/p venue charge for the open bar, regardless of whether you intend to use it.

Register early. This big JMB Summer Island Party has a chance to sell out soon, so don't delay your registration.

Admins / moderators from our Everything

SXM Facebook Site will be in attendance.

If (and only if) space is still available after about 8/10, we'll enable a limited number of SXM Weekly News readers and members of our FB site to register; that info will be published later though **you can register now on a to-be-approved-if-space-is-available basis.**

25. SXM Shark Foundation Launched; Objective, Improve Conservation

(From SXM Nature Foundation)

Caribbean sharks have gained a new ally. On July 13th, the eve of Shark Awareness Day 2019, SXM Shark Foundation was launched with a celebration on the Caribbean island of Sint Maarten. The new foundation will work towards making Sint Maarten a leading country for shark conservation and management in the wider Caribbean region and around the world.

Sint Maarten has a wealth of shark species and the Nature Foundation Sint Maarten (NFSM) has worked closely with the government to develop protective legislation for sharks in its waters. From 2015 to 2018 the NFSM worked together with all Dutch Caribbean islands on the Save our Sharks project to better protect sharks in the Dutch Caribbean. Through the project, funded by the Dutch Postcode Lottery, great advances were made on research, education, and protection. But sharks still face constant threats from exploitation and habitat loss throughout the region so more work is needed.

Tadzio Bervoets, one of the founding members of the SXM Shark Foundation, and a leader in marine conservation on St Maarten, says "Through the work of the Nature Foundation we have discovered how important this area is to the sharks in the Caribbean, but they face a constant threat. This foundation offers new opportunities so that we can better protect these marvellous animals for generations to come."

Despite all the good work that has been done, implementation of conservation measures is not widespread and education on the importance of sharks in the marine system is sorely needed. The new foundation aims to not only lead shark conservation and management efforts within the wider Caribbean region but also to set up collaborative projects on shark research and conservation with organizations from Europe, the US, and Caribbean countries. On Sint Maarten, it will work with local organizations to develop conservation and education projects.

Irene Kingma, the foundation president, and Netherlands lead for the Save our Sharks project says "Now that the SoS project has concluded we want to continue the wonderful cooperation with Sint Maarten and we see this as a perfect opportunity to further develop the work we have been doing together."

Shark expedition to the Saba Bank

Windwardside. Saba 14 July 2019. An international expedition for shark research to the Saba Bank in the Dutch Caribbean is taking place under the leadership of the Dutch Elasmobranch Society (NEV), the Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF) and the Nature Foundation Sint Maarten (NFSM) from July 15 to 25.

Scientific projects will be carried out during this ten-day expedition with research focused on the shark species that occur in this part of the Caribbean Sea, including tiger sharks, silky sharks, nurse sharks, and Caribbean reef sharks. The overall goal of the research is to gain insight into the role that Saba Bank plays in the life cycle of the species that live here, knowledge that is essential to adequately protect sharks.

"The expedition offers a unique opportunity to conduct new research into the shark community on Saba Bank." Explained Irene Kingma, expedition leader from the NEV. "We have brought scientists from six countries together to help solve the big questions we still have about sharks in this unique area and to develop partnerships for future research."

Space technology for tiger sharks

During the expedition, tiger sharks will be provided with tags equipped with a completely new satellite technology developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). The space organization has developed an advanced technology that allows the tags to communicate with satellites in space in an innovative way allowing the tags to last much

longer and collect much more data than tags currently used.

Preventing by-catch of nurse sharks

NEV and SCF work together with local fishermen to reduce the by-catch of nurse sharks in lobster traps. One essential element to achieve this is insight into the behavior of sharks in and around the traps. Dr. Robert Nowicki of Mote Marine Lab developed a camera system that can record the behavior of sharks near the traps for up to a week.

Connectivity between habitats of Caribbean sharks

Between 2015 and 2018, a number of silky sharks, Caribbean reef sharks, and nurse sharks were equipped with an acoustic tag to find out more about how these species utilise the area and on the connectivity between different Caribbean habitats. To add to this research Guido Leurs from the University of Groningen will collect samples of Caribbean reef and nurse sharks to analyze diet and age of the sharks. Combined with the knowledge from the tagging program this will offer us much more insight into the role the Saba Bank plays in the life cycle of these sharks.

Stress levels of sharks in captivity

Blood samples will be taken from all sharks caught to determine the level of stress hormones in their systems. Based on this, the researchers, led by James Thorburn of St. Andrews University in Scotland, will determine how much stress the animals experience when they are examined for the different experiments. This information can be used to make the catch and research process as efficient as possible so that the animals are not adversely affected by the procedures.

Updates on the expedition will be posted daily on the [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) pages of Save our Sharks. Blogs about the expedition will also appear on [DuikenInBeeld](#) (in Dutch) and on [Southern Fried Science](#).

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26. Trump Threatens Retaliatory Tax on French Wine

French Pres. Emmanuel Macron has said that he may impose a tax on US digital companies, which would be a hit against the US economy.

Now, US Pres. Donald Trump says if that happens, he may have the US impose a tax on French wines — a retaliatory blow against the French economy.

Here are [the details](#).

27. Our SXM Euro Ovals are Back

They're back - our famous SXM Euro-Ovals! You'll find pictures of the ovals in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Order three for \$15 or five for \$20. Pay through PAYPAL payable to jeff@jmbcommunications.com. Include your US or CANADIAN address (none shipped elsewhere). Style may vary SLIGHTLY from the photo. Allow 6 weeks for delivery. Use them on your car window or on smooth, hard-sided luggage (makes ID easy in baggage claim). You can also send a check to us (US dollar checks drawn on US banks ONLY) to OVALS, c/o JMB Communications, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Checks do take extra time for processing.

28. Got Any SXM Questions?

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

29. 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.

30. Restaurant of the Week:

Returns soon....

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Isola next to Hollywood Casino in Simpson Bay Resort, 7/13/19. 100% redesigned, inside and out, floor to ceiling and everything inside. Just go.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 7/8/19) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (7/8/19) 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.

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.mariobistro.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?

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!

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.

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.

31. 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.

32. Going Somewhere 11/1 or Later? Beat SkyMed's 90-

day Exclusion on Pre-Existing Conditions by Buying Guaranteed Renewable Annual Protection Now, Only About \$1.35/day

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.

33. *****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.

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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?

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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:

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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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34. 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 everythingsexm.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.

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

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36. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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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*.

Century 21 St. Maarten (just joined)

RESORTS:

Belair Beach Hotel

Simpson Bay Resort

Azure Hotel & Art Studio

Baker's Suites

RESTAURANTS:

IZI

SPIGA

VESNA TAVERNA

Frenchy Ludo's

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**

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37. 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.

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

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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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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://everythingxsm.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://everythingxsm.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

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. 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. Your username and password are required.

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

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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