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SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

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

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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1. Dorian Brushes SXM w/ Heavy Rains, Some Wind

As now-famous hurricane Dorian was developing over the lesser Antilles last week, she passed by SXM somewhere around 150 miles away, bringing heavy rains and some wind to the island. A number of roads suffered street flooding and some streets were temporarily closed as a result, but beyond that the main effect on SXM from Dorian was lots of frayed nerves.

Much more on Dorian and other storms in this now-busy hurricane season is in the stories that follow.

2. SXM Ready to Help Dorian-Battered Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian spent a lot of time pummeling Grand Bahama and Abaco. Early during that onslaught, she briefly had 185 mile-per-hour sustained winds — the same velocity possessed by hurricane Irma when it hit SXM.

For better or worse, those high winds gradually subsided to "only" about 115 mph. The difference was that the attack from Dorian was relentless, one of the longest sustained small-area attacks by any hurricane in history. One government official in Grand Bahama, worst hit by Dorian, simply said, "We have nothing."

Now that Dorian is swirling northwestward, showing some signs that it may re-intensify slightly, rescue operations from a number of countries are getting ready to swing into action, moving much-needed human care and feeding and reconstruction assistance to the island. Grand Bahama, for example, has no drinking water at all for about 62,000 people.

People have asked us what kind of goods the island needs, thinking of buying them and shipping them to Grand Bahama. Numerous small shipments like that, though generous and thoughtful, would create a short-term logistical nightmare. What the island really needs — and what Rotary on St. Maarten is working on — is money that can be used by people in the Bahamas for whatever the people of the Bahamas most need right now.

Former SXM Rotary president Jeffrey Sochrin, more commonly known as "Dr. Soc" of Island92 radio, is spearheading efforts to get contributions to the Rotary in SXM that it can quickly turn around and deliver funds to Rotary officials on the ground in Grand Bahama. Please use PayPal and send your donation of any amount to the

SXM Rotary Relief Fund for the people of The Bahamas. Donate with PayPal: the email address is Soc@island92.com.

There will be numerous GoFundMe efforts publicized for donations to the Bahamas. In the past, GoFundMe has not always managed to adequately vet fundraising efforts launched on its site. We have no way to verify the legitimacy of GFM campaigns and we know Rotary and Jeff Sochrin so we urge you to help through Jeff and Rotary as noted above. We also encourage you to share this information with others who may be willing to help financially.

3. More Storms Forming

Today, on Tuesday, September 3, tropical storm Fernand formed in the Western Gulf of Mexico, where it was forecast to quickly threaten northeastern Mexico and possibly South Texas near the Rio Grande. It was certainly not the only game in town besides Dorian. Another storm was brewing south of Bermuda; a fourth storm was in the vicinity of the Cabo Verde islands in the Eastern tropical Atlantic, and a *fifth tropical system was forecast to emerge from West Africa within the next day or so and was widely expected to develop into another tropical storm and head toward the lesser Antilles, which it might reach in a week or so.*

The Weather Center on our EverythingSXM.com main St. Maarten website instantly publishes the latest tropical weather advisories, watches, warnings, and other news, and it displays numerous hurricane satellite images and radar loops. Beyond that, our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) publishes news and information from and about the island every day around-the-clock. If you want to keep up on hurricane and other news from SXM you should also subscribe to our free *SXM Weekly News* weekly newsletter for tourists, the only professionally written tourist-oriented newsletter published about SXM. Subscribe at sxmweeklynews.com -- that way you needn't wait for a pass-along copy.

4. Dorian Disrupts Travel by Air, Sea

Predictably, travel to and from South Florida has been and continues to be disrupted by hurricane Dorian's loitering bashing South Florida. There also have been effects on travel to SXM since some Florida points of embarkation to SXM have been intermittently shut down because of Dorian.

If you are expecting to head to SXM by way of any Florida embarkation points (such as Fort Lauderdale and Miami) in the next couple of days, check with your airline to ensure that your flights will proceed as planned.

Likewise, if you are planning to take a cruise ship from Port Everglades or other South Florida ports to any location, check with your cruise line: the ocean is anything but calm right now and there is little doubt that some cruise ship sailings have either been relocated or possibly canceled, so call your cruise line.

5. Dorian's "Cone of Uncertainty"

The National Hurricane Center has been doing its best under trying circumstances to predict where exactly Dorian will go. Along the way, Dorian has repeatedly confounded forecasters by simply going its own way.

Only today, on Tuesday, September 3 did it finally make the long-forecasted slow move to the Northwest which forecasters predicted would be followed by a move more to the North and North Northeast.

In making its forecasts, the NHC has shown a large cone of uncertainty — which basically means that the center of the storm could go to any of the geographic points shown within the width of the cone on broadcast media.

The latest cone of uncertainty released by the NHC on Tuesday afternoon predicted that the storm would head Northeast, brush or cross Cape Hatteras, bring some wind and rain to Nantucket and parts of Cape Cod, then go over Nova Scotia and Newfoundland this coming weekend.

Although the cone of uncertainty for Dorian has changed considerably over the last week, the fact that the storm has started to speed up indicates that this time, the cone could be more nearly accurate than it has been. Nonetheless,

we urge all readers to pay close attention to local forecasts about Dorian as it hugs the southeast US coast, brushes southeastern New England, then takes aim at the Canadian Maritimes.

There is also a possibility that the storm could re intensify slightly as it spends a bit of time over the warm Gulf Stream.

6. About Hurricane "Categories," Watches, & Warnings

The following information was recently published as a File (one of more than 300) in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which we urge you to visit for answers to any questions you may have about the island and constant updates that will be useful to you for future island trips.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale (Source: National Hurricane Center / NOAA, 8/31/19)

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1 to 5 rating based on a hurricane's sustained wind speed. This scale estimates potential property damage. Hurricanes reaching Category 3 and higher are considered major hurricanes because of their potential for significant loss of life and damage. Category 1 and 2 storms are still dangerous, however, and require preventative measures. In the western North Pacific, the term "super typhoon" is used for tropical cyclones with sustained winds exceeding 150 mph.

Category / Sustained Winds / Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds

1 --- 74-95 mph
64-82 kt
119-153 km/h

Very dangerous winds will produce some damage: Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.

2 --- 96-110 mph
83-95 kt
154-177 km/h

Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage: Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.

3 --- (major) 111-129 mph
96-112 kt
178-208 km/h

Devastating damage will occur: Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.

4 --- (major) 130-156 mph
113-136 kt
209-251 km/h

Catastrophic damage will occur: Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

5 --- (major) 157 mph or higher
137 kt or higher
252 km/h or higher

Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

Tropical Storm, Hurricane, & Storm Surge Watches & Warnings

A Storm Surge Warning means there is a danger of life-threatening inundation, from rising water moving inland from the coastline, during the next 36 hours in the indicated locations. For a depiction of areas at risk, please see the National Weather Service Storm Surge Watch/Warning Graphic, available at hurricanes.gov. This is a life-threatening situation. Persons located within these areas should take all necessary actions to protect life and property from rising water and the potential for other dangerous conditions. Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

A Storm Surge Watch means there is a possibility of life-threatening inundation, from rising water moving inland from the coastline, in the indicated locations during the next 48 hours.

A Hurricane Warning means that hurricane conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area. Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion.

A Hurricane Watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area.

A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are expected within the warning area within 36 hours.

A Tropical Storm Watch means that tropical storm conditions are possible within the watch area, generally within 48 hours.

ALWAYS follow explicit watches and warnings from your local weather authorities if a storm is approaching.

NEVER rely on ANY website for instructions in life or death situations when a storm is approaching. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A RADIO WITH BATTERIES TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS THROUGHOUT HURRICANE SEASON.**

Note: Hurricane Irma, September, 2017, was the strongest Atlantic hurricane in recorded history, with 37 hours of sustained winds of 185 mph and recorded gusts up to approx. 240 mph. It made a direct hit on SXM, which has had an astounding recovery and is FULLY open for business. -jmb

The strongest hurricane in world history was in the Pacific in 1979 and had sustained winds of 190 mph - just 5 mph greater than Irma. -jmb

The NHC reported on Sunday, 9/1/19, that Dorian, raking Abaco, Bahamas, at that time also had 185-mph sustained winds and was heading slowly toward Grand Bahama. -jmb

7. United Moves to Non-Expiring Miles

United Airlines almost a week ago made a competitive move that its passengers liked: it changed to miles that don't expire, following the lead of both JetBlue and Delta who have similar programs.

See more [here](#)

8. AA Cancels Some Late-Year SXM-CLT Flights

In a move which has surprised and displeased a number of its passengers, American Airlines has canceled some nonstops between SXM and Charlotte and, some passengers say, it has failed to notify them.

If you have flights on American Airlines any time in November or December during weekdays between SXM and Charlotte, we urge you to contact the airline to make sure those flights still actually exist. Some readers will find that they don't.

We don't know the reason for the cancellations, much less why the airline hasn't told some of its customers. But both have happened, passengers are telling *SXM Weekly News*. If you contact the airline, please let us know what happens by commenting in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

9. AA Cancels 737 Max Flights To Early Dec.: Questions

In the current scheme of things concerning the status of the Boeing 737 Max jet, grounded since last March after two 737 Max aircraft crashed in different accidents killing 346 people, you'd expect that airlines would not still be scheduling that aircraft to fly and that they wouldn't do so until after it has been recertified as being safe by the US FAA.

Nonetheless, that's exactly what American Airlines and others including United have done.

Both of those airlines recently canceled a number of their flights, further inconveniencing their passengers, until various times in December. The most proactive airline concerning 737 Max groundings has been Southwest, which has now canceled all 737 Max flights through early January, 2020.

Of all US domestic carriers, Southwest has the largest fleet of 737 Max aircraft.

We're not in the airline business, but it does strike us as peculiar that any airline would have bothered to schedule flights for any aircraft that had been involved in two major fatal crashes while investigations into the cause of those accidents were still underway and upgrades/fixes had not even been approved, let alone completed.

Scheduling the flights and then canceling them to us appears to be jerking passengers and stockholders around — not a wise thing. Again, the airline that has been handling this the best appears to be Southwest, which has at least canceled its Max flights through early January, wisely assuming that they can not be in service during the heavy holiday travel period.

We don't know whether any airlines went to mothballed fleets in western deserts to put formerly retired aircraft back into service — or even how practical that is. But it seems to us there has to be a better way of handling things than what American and some others have done to their passengers during this continuing Boeing Max debacle.

10. Electric Passenger Planes in SXM? Could Happen

One of the hits of the Farnborough air show in Europe a few months ago was a [small electric airplane](#) from a company in Israel. The airplane has impressed the owners of Cape Air, one of the largest regional airlines in the United States which operates about 90 aircraft and which, by the way, is looking into the possibility of starting flights between SXM and St. Thomas, as we previously reported here.

Based in Hyannis, Massachusetts, the airline serves many cities in the US Northeast and Midwest, in the Caribbean, and some flights as well in Montana.

Who knows - it's possible that these small nine-passenger aircraft might some day be flying out of SXM Airport. One thing is likely: they'll probably be much less noisy and more energy efficient than anything else flying there.

11. Boeing Launches Safety Committee

As a very prominent manufacturer of commercial aircraft, Boeing has always placed safety among its highest priorities — without question.

Something clearly went wrong in the aircraft manufacturer's product development, vetting, and concept testing processes for the Boeing 737 Max: the accidents that killed 346 people never should have happened, and the process the airline has been using clearly did not work. That's why it seemed odd to us that the airline made public that it has launched a safety committee. See what you think; here's that [story](#).

12. JMB Weather Center Expanded; 24-hour Updates

Over the last couple of weeks, we have expanded the coverage of our Weather Center which you can access in our

everythingSXM.com main website.

Around-the-clock, you can click to see the very latest tropical cyclone watches, warnings, and advisories for all storms lumbering across the Atlantic or developing. We've also added some new weather imagery to our collection of current satellite images, radar loops, and more. See it all by clicking Weather at www.everythingsxm.com.

13. Where to Download the 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).

14. 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.

15. 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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16. Towers at Mullet Bay Situation Gets Murkier

The venerable timeshare resort Towers at Mullet Bay has been renting out rooms for some months, timeshare owners tell us. But to their unending consternation, rooms are not being rented out to timeshare owners.

We won't plod through the financial issues / government edicts plaguing the "ownership" of this resort — we've done that on numerous prior occasions. Unfortunately, Towers at Mullet Bay timeshare owners will probably need to reach for a big bottle of Tums before [reading this article](#) which details the latest wrinkles in this unholy mess.

Caravanserai . . . Ocean Club . . . Towers at Mullet Bay, and others. SXM still badly needs US-style timeshare owner consumer protection legislation (not window dressing) and there is no sign of it. There are many great timeshares on the island -- but the ones that screw over timeshare owners need to be held accountable.

17. Flamingo: Construction Completion mid-June 2020

It looks like the progress on construction at Flamingo is currently going well enough that Diamond Resorts feels it can say that construction will be completed by mid June 2020.

That's not to say the resort will open then, however. Resort owners will have a punch list they will need to check from beginning to end to ensure that everything works and that all of the furniture and amenities needed for each room have been properly installed and do what they are supposed to do. Opening is expected sometime after mid June, 2020 — assuming all deliveries and installations occur on time and that Mother Nature plays no significant tricks on SXM in the interim.

As soon as we have more detailed information, we will pass it along.

18. Our Newest Vacation Giveaway is Coming This Month

Although we have been interrupted by Dorian and a number of other things, we are continuing to work this month on finalizing plans for our next big vacation giveaway.

Occasionally, Everything St. Maarten/St. Martin gives away a number of great SXM vacations, some of them including dinners for two, a car rental, and some adventures. We haven't even named this giveaway yet but we will do that soon.

We expect the giveaway to herald a significant expansion of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program,

which plans many new SXM island discounts. Our plan is to publicize new discounts here in *SXM Weekly News* and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) as those new discounts and benefits officially become available. Stay tuned to *SXM Weekly News* and become a member of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#): those will be the only places where you can learn how to enter this latest giveaway, when entries open.

19. Hundreds of 2019, 2020 Condo Rentals Available Online

If you're thinking that it's time to return to SXM, you're right: the island is more than or any to greet you with open arms, delicious food, pristine beaches, and beautiful, totally renovated accommodations.

If you're planning to rent a timeshare or a villa, we want you to know that you can access hundreds of timeshare, condos and hundreds of villas through on the timeshare rentals page of our everythingSXM.com site, which delivers far more than timeshare rentals. It also gives you links to partners who offer outstanding villas at very reasonable prices. You'll find a list of our sponsors on the timeshare rentals page on our main site, everythingSXM.com. That page was fully updated late last week and is now being updated every few days.

20. Original 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.

21. 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](#).

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

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

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

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

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

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

You won't be disappointed.

23. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick

With most timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, La Vista, Simpson Bay Resort, Port de Plaisance, and Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners continue to post units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on everythingSXM.com and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingxsm.com. Check them out.

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

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

24. 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

25. Finally, GEBE Could Become Modern & Efficient

As most readers recall, we have frequently written about GEBE, SXM's "electricity and water company."It has been a frequent target of derision for years because of its lack of dependability and because, sometimes, when restarting its system, its voltage surges fry major appliances and delicate electronics, occasionally causing fires and always generating ire among its customers.

Don't hold your breath, but this time, the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel may actually not be an oncoming train: this really could be good news.

The utility has signed an agreement for \$11 million in Irma recovery funds which will enable it to bury most of its cabling, modernize and upgrade its power generation capabilities, and do the same for its water facilities.

Although word on when all of this will actually be finished seems to be lacking, this is the first major step we've seen after having watched GEBE's struggles for decades.Godspeed to them in getting the task completed as quickly, efficiently, and effectively as possible.

26. Starz Casino Opens at Porto Cupecoy

If you were beginning to think that the recovery of Starz casino was taking a really long time, you'd have been right: in fact, spokespersons for the casino recently announced that reconstruction will not be completed for about another year.However...

Starz casino has now reopened.

Confused?

Here comes enlightenment:

Starz casino itself has temporarily relocated to the main entrance of Porto Cupecoy, about which we had heard scuttlebutt we couldn't confirm last December. Interestingly, the sign above the door indicates that what is opening is a casino *and hotel* — but that's not true.

Not yet anyway.

Officials at Starz say a hotel is coming but are mum on all details -- who, what, when, exactly where, why, and how. But the casino is open, as this story tells you.

What we don't know is whether this casino, which will be open limited hours, will create any parking issues for restaurants at Porto Cupecoy — or whether they'll have valet parking that puts cars in the dirt lot near Shore Pointe, across the street.

We'll see what we can find out, but hopefully that problem has been anticipated and handled effectively.

More stories follow.

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27. Beach at Sunset BB Disappears, for Now

The beach at Sunset Bar disappeared when a bit of wild surf from hurricane Dorian manicured the coast of SXM a bit more than a week ago. Of course, Dorian's raucous grandmother, Irma, totally stripped Maho beach of its sand as well — but the sand resort returned a few weeks later, as it will now.

28. Club O Beach Stays Open; Club O is a Different Story

Almost exactly two years after hurricane Irma attacked SXM, naturist Club Orient still remains in ruins. Units in the resort had multiple owners with different objectives, and the French side government apparently has not been particularly helpful in helping Club Orient and other properties clear up their situations and move on.

Consequently, the once beautiful grounds of Club Orient are overgrown and the iguanas there have lots of grass and weeds to eat.

The nude beach at Club Orient is alive and well and the Perch Light restaurant is doing well too.

As has been the case for decades, the beach in front of Club-O continues to be clothing optional, with chairs and umbrella rentals. Keep Cedrick and his crew going by visiting as often as you can during your next SXM trip.

Convenient parking is located near the shore.

29. IZI Closes Until October

IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay, across the street from Pineapple Pete, is now on its winter closing and will be reopening some time in October — date to be announced.

Clearly one of the top restaurants of any kind on SXM, iZI should not be missed on your next trip: make it a point to make reservations for their tasting menu — truly extraordinary dining

30. "Lee's" Sign Is Up...

As many of its fans will remember, Lee's Roadside Grill closed many moons ago after a long-lasting disagreement between Lee and his landlord.

The restaurant has now relocated to Billy Folly road diagonally opposite the main entrance to Atrium Resort, as we have previously reported.

It looks like the restaurant is about to reopen since its sign has now gone up. We'll let you know as soon as we hear they're officially open.

31. How To Keep Track of "Annual Closings"

A number of SXM restaurants close for several weeks each fall. The good news is that the closings are not coordinated — so, a significant number of fine restaurants remain open at all times.

The trick, of course, is knowing which restaurants are open and which aren't, so you can make reservations. We have a rather complete File of SXM restaurant closings in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If you're not already a member, visit the group and ask to join, answering three brief vetting questions (required): don't hesitate to say you are a reader of SXM Weekly News. Once you're approved, you will easily be able to find the File of annual closings in the File area. We have more than 350 informative SXM Files!

32. Green Palms SXM Euro Oval Going Away; Get it Now or Never

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.

33. 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 \[jeff@jmbcommunications.com\]\(mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com\) with the subject SkyMed](#). Give us your phone number and time zone and we'll return your call as quickly as we can. Available exclusively to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats.

34. Restaurant of the Week:

Returns in September....

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.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?

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.

35. 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.

36. Going Somewhere 12/5 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.

37. *****SkyMed Customer Stories***** Protect Against Pricely 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.

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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

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

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

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See the rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits

38. 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 everythingxsm.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.

39. 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.

40. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 8/26)

AMUSEMENTS

[Island Pedals Beer Cycle](#) (Philipsburg)

CAR RENTALS:

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

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

[Sax Car Rental](#)

[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.)

JEWELERS:

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

[Caribbean Gems](#)

Majesty Jewelers

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

Art of Time

Artistic Jewelers

Oro Diamante

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 & BARS

[IZI](#)

[SPIGA](#)

[VESNA TAVERNA](#)

ISOLA

Frenchy Ludo's

SNOOPY'S

Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

Soggy Dollar Bar

Sale and Pepe

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's (NEW)

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar (NEW)

Nowhere Special (NEW)

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 8/26/19

41. Use Our Weekly News Archives

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published in the last four years, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and our SXM Airport Special Edition, which has a great deal of useful future information on what's going to happen at the airport.

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

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42. 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):

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

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

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

About Email Address Changes / How To Unsubscribe (Updated 4/17/17)

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

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

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: www.everythingsxm.com .

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