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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 1/4/2020 1/11/2020 week1 **The Villas at Simpson Bay resort and Marina 2nd floor unit accommodates 6 people** . Master unit consists of full kitchen, king size bed master bedroom (tv), 2 Murphy beds/living room (tv) spacious bathroom with separate double vanity area, in room safe, large deck overlooking Simpson Bay . Deluxe junior suite (lockout) has 2 full beds, kitchenette with refrigerator and microwave . Spacious bathroom with separate double vanity, in room safe, deck overlooks Simpson Bay . Timeshare tax (approx.\$50) not included in rental price. \$2,400 Ray or Marilyn 250-860-8783 raymarfarms@me.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 prlnowlan@yahoo.ca

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1. Eyes East: Future Storm "Humberto" or "Imelda" Gains Attn.

This year's back-end-loaded hurricane season — featuring a conga line of developing systems across the African continent — has the full attention of everyone throughout the Caribbean, the Bahamas, in the US East and Gulf coasts.

Although there are multiple existing or developing systems over the open waters of the Atlantic now, forecasters currently seem more concerned about the storm emerging from the African coast into the tropical Atlantic.

Depending on what else happens in the tropics, the new storm will be known either as Humberto or Imelda. Rather than recurve North before it reaches the Antilles, forecasters are saying that this storm — still several days away from the Caribbean — will likely keep going Westward because of a blocking high-pressure system across the Atlantic.

It could, they are saying, be in the vicinity of the Leeward islands by September 16.

Regardless of whether you are in the Caribbean, the Bahamas, or the US East or Gulf coasts, or for that matter the Canadian Maritimes, we urge you to stay aware of the movement of future storms -- especially over the next week or two. The optimal way to do this is by following any of the sources of weather information we show in story 10 in this issue of *SXM Weekly News*. *The single best source of critically important detailed hurricane information is Rob Lightbown's CrownWeather.com; their small charge for their private forecasting service is well worth it for anyone who lives or works in any area that is ever the target of any tropical system.*

Much more information about weather is in the following articles.

2. Irma Second Anniversary Observed in SXM

No one who was on SXM on September 6, 2017, the day when Irma blasted SXM much as Dorian blasted both Abaco and Grand Bahama last week, will ever be able to forget that storm.

If you want to recount some of the events of that day, see our [SXM Weekly News archives](#), where you can read our complete accounts of what was happening, where, and to whom during that record-smashing storm. Although it has made an astounding recovery, SXM still bears scattered scars from Irma — and that storm was certainly on everyone's mind last Friday and before, with the passage more than 100 miles away of developing tropical storm Dorian. [This story](#) is about SXM recounting and observing the second anniversary of Irma's terrifying SXM visit just two years ago last Friday.

3. In the Bahamas, 70,000 Homeless, 6,000 "Missing"

Cruise ships from Royal Caribbean and other cruise lines are providing some relief to desperate people in both Abaco and Grand Bahama, both of which were essentially obliterated last week by hurricane Dorian.

Many thousands of homes were totally destroyed leaving those who survived with no roof, no home, no possessions, no food, and no water. The airport in Grand Bahama was also destroyed and its runway was unusable after the storm. Water was being brought in by US Coast Guard helicopters and food ultimately arrived in the form of hot meals prepared and served by personnel from Royal Caribbean.

The news was incredibly grim from Grand Bahama, where NBC reported 70,000 people homeless and 6000 missing; many of the missing were feared to have perished in the storm from drowning or storm related injuries. Press reports indicated that a parent placed the child on top of a motor vehicle to keep the child out of rising waters and at a point of safety, when sudden waves from the storm washed the child away. Some people have arrived from neighboring Nassau, which suffered less severe damage, seeking to find relatives but instead found stunningly bad news.

This is an update of what we published last week about **Donating through Rotary** to provide help to the desperately needful people in the Bahamas:

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 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. People in the United States wishing to help can use PayPal and send donations to Soc@island92.com.

Those donations will go into the radio station's US account from which they will be very quickly turned over to Rotary, the Grand Bahama unit of which is actively helping victims of Dorian on Grand Bahama. The people of the Bahamas will be eternally grateful for any help you can provide.

4. Media Botches Facts on Storms

Some very well respected news broadcasters, speaking glibly about Dorian, botched the story and spoke inaccurately to a national audience.

For example, the CNN program Prime Time with Chris Cuomo features Mr. Cuomo talking about the news — usually focusing on politics. Talking about Dorian last week, he said that it was a record breaking storm, "the strongest" in the Atlantic basin. The fact is that it was very powerful, at times matching the strength of Irma with 185 mile-per-hour sustained winds plus tornados. However, it maintained that wind strength for a limited time, unlike Irma which had sustained winds of 185 mph for 37 hours. Cuomo also said in Irma was only around 140 mph, another error.

Meanwhile, 24 hour news station WBZ in Boston, which reaches about 40 states in the US, talked late last week about the "remnants" of Dorian hitting Nova Scotia. That was not only misleading but also factually incorrect, since the storm was still a category two hurricane when it hit Nova Scotia late last week and maintained hurricane strength as it moved on toward Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and beyond. Being glib is fine as long as it maintains accuracy, and in these cases neither outlet was accurate.

At the end of the day, this hardly matters: the fact is that both storms were incredibly destructive. Some will argue that Dorian was worse since it sat on top of Abaco and especially Grand Bahama for many hours, pounding both islands and causing widespread total destruction. Our hearts go out to everyone affected by any hurricanes: please see the previous story and help if you can.

5. Dutch Navy Providing Emergency Aid to Bahamas

When Irma hit SXM almost exactly 2 years ago, the Dutch Navy quickly showed up at the island with emergency supplies and life-saving help.

Although the Bahamas are British properties, nonetheless the Dutch were among the first to arrive to provide help, through the Dutch Navy; kudos for their humanitarian work on the island.

See [this article](#) for more.

6. Pension Fund Offers To Rebuild SXM Airport, Incl. Preclearance

A pension fund with a long history of development accomplishments is offering to start almost immediately rebuilding SXM Airport including preclearance, reports the *Daily Herald* newspaper in SXM.

[This story](#) regards the offer itself, while [this second story](#) delves into interest rates and other details comparing this offer from that of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which was originally made early this year and which the Dutch Side SXM government seems to have been debating to death.

We'll keep you posted.

7. AA Plane "Sabotaged" by Mechanic

You've probably heard about this, which occurred earlier during this summer but was just made public over the last few days.

A seasoned mechanic for AA in Florida working on an aircraft before it was to take off with a nearly full load of passengers disabled an electronic information-reporting device on the plane to, he said afterwards, draw attention to poor working conditions for mechanics.

He was arrested and if convicted, stands to spend up to 20 years in jail.

Here is the detailed story from the [Miami Herald](#).

8. 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).

9. 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 in 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](#).

10. 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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11. For Flamingo Timeshare Owners, a Detailed Update

Yvonne Mendenhall, Flamingo Beach Resort Timeshare owner and Sint Maarten property owner, compiled the following report from Diamond Resorts Owner's Announcements, on-site observations over a 4-month period during 2019, and visits with Mervin LeBlanc, General Manager for Diamond's Sint Maarten Resorts: Flamingo Beach Resort and Royal Palm Beach Resort. Yvonne is a Board Member on the Flamingo Beach Resort HOA and an Admin in Jeff Berger's [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Diamond announced model rooms are completed and were presented to owners at Flamingo and Royal Palm at their annual meetings in May 2019. Inspiration for the design concepts were taken from colors found in nature, including the sparkling blue ocean that surrounds this paradise, with pops of color through accent pieces. Royal Palm Beach Resort's colors include bright yellow, turquoise and green, while Flamingo Beach Resort features bold blues and oranges. Some of the wall prints were created by local SXM artists. Note: Due to safety and security reasons, the model rooms are not available for viewing at this time. The resorts are active construction sites, and owners were provided access exclusively during their annual meetings for feedback. Photos of the rooms have been posted in the [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) with very positive members' comments!

A recent Diamond website announcement estimated construction of Royal Palm Beach Resort to be largely complete

by mid-June 2020. Flamingo Beach Resort Building 7 is estimated to be largely complete by July 2020, and the three Flamingo Villa buildings are estimated to be complete by August 2020. (Note: Although construction completion and reopening for guests should be closely aligned, they may be slightly different dates.) It is my understanding that firm reopening dates and reopening reservations will not be made until the 2019 hurricane season is over.

Diamond states that after the construction team releases the buildings back to the Resort Operations team, each unit will be stocked with amenities and supplies. Then there will be a final review process, ensuring everything is in working order, and when that review is complete, the rooms will be available for Flamingo and Royal Palm to welcome owners and guests home.

Diamond reminds us that there are many unknown factors that could yet impact the project, including labor constraints, availability of materials, government permits and the 2019 hurricane season. Recent hurricane Dorian and more storm formation in the eastern Atlantic requires cautious optimism. This situation is not ideal, but when owners and guests return to Royal Palm Beach or Flamingo Beach Resort, they will essentially be walking into a "brand new resort."

At an August 30 meeting with Mervin LeBlanc, I learned that reconstruction is proceeding well. Most of the labor is currently hired and working hard on the two resorts. Additional labor is planned in the next few months to help with the detailed finishing. My own daily walks by the Flamingo show interiors of rooms, taken down to the bare concrete earlier in the project, are beginning to look like homes again. From what I can see and what Mervin confirmed, wiring, plumbing, HVAC and other mechanical work is progressing very well at both resorts. It was exciting when we could see finishes such as wall board and painting and some fixture installation in rooms when a "sliding door" was opened during the daily construction work. We watched supplies arriving and within days moving out of the secured receiving area and into the construction areas for installation and the receiving area prepared for the next shipment. The construction site is very well organized and clean, a sign of an efficient project.

The involved reconstruction and stronger replacement and installation of more efficient and up-to-date products takes time. The largely concrete buildings now have even more concrete walls to make them more storm-strong and better. There are new, heavier sliding glass doors and frames, and new windows and entry doors. Products and new construction methods and supplies that did not exist when the resorts were built 30 years ago have been installed to add strength and efficiency.

Although it has been a long wait so far, Flamingo and Royal Palm will be newer, better, and stronger than before to serve the island, owners, and guests well.

Flamingo and Royal Palm owners are reminded to please make sure your user id and your password for Diamond Resorts is current. Announcements are emailed to owners and available through the member portal on the Diamond website. To receive information please update your contact information if needed.

--Yvonne Mendenhall

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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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.

16. 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 [everythingsxm.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

17. 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

18. Sale & Pepe Opens at New Location

Sicilian restaurant Sale and Pepe has moved from its location near a supermarket in Simpson Bay to a new building next to the Texaco station in Simpson Bay just south of the lagoon end of the airport runway.

The new location gives Sale and Pepe more room, a better view (by the side of the lagoon), and the expectation of somewhat better parking. The building has been constructed just within the past year or so.

19. New Lee's Roadside Grill Opens in Pelican

The new location of Lee's Roadside Grill on Billy Folly Road in Pelican Key diagonally opposite the entrance to Atrium Resort has finally opened.

We don't know whether this is supposed to be a soft opening, but in any case word is out and people have started visiting. We do know there is supposed to be some parking on the site behind the building, but we don't know how much or whether it is paved or an unpaved yard. We also don't know whether the landmark exterior grill is being used in the restaurant. Prevailing winds in the area are usually from the East or Southeast and could go toward Atrium Resort or Buccaneer Beach Bar, not to mention other neighbors.

As we hear more about reaction to the restaurant's new digs we will publish it here in *SXM Weekly News*. We welcome comments about all restaurants in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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

20. "Below Deck" Returning: More Fascinating Fiction

Bravo's very popular original Below Deck reality show/soap opera returns to the air soon with some regular cast members as well as a few new cast members — in an entirely new location.

The series originally was taped in SXM, and spent multiple years on and around the island last taping in SXM in March, 2017. During the first episode aired after Irma later in 2017, the captain expressed how he and the crew lived and worked on SXM and called it home while the program was filming there, and wished everyone on the island Godspeed in recovery.

The series last year relocated to the South Pacific (Polynesia), and this year's series is based in Thailand, where there is much to see and do and much of interest for charter cruisers. Although many crewmembers shown on the program have a career in yachting, real megayacht crewmembers we've spoken with agree that the show enhances certain myths about life "Below Decks" and that the portrayal is more entertaining than it is accurate, at least according to those we spoke with.

There has been no indication as yet concerning whether filming for the 2020 season will continue to be in exotic foreign locations far from the Caribbean or whether it might return to SXM. That 2020 decision has not yet been announced.

The boat used for Below Deck Mediterranean, which is just concluding its run on Bravo, was the charter yacht Sirocco which has been seen before in the waters of SXM.

21. Nature Foundation Offers Jellyfish Countermeasures

Box jellyfish have been seen in SXM waters, as have other jellyfish in years past -- not in significant abundance, however. Nonetheless, the Nature Foundation has offered the following countermeasure advice for dealing with [encounters with box jellyfish](#).

22. Big Oil Helping to Save The Environment? Apparently Not

Despite the fact that some recent advertising and PR programs undertaken by companies in the energy industry try to convince television viewers that the companies are very much interested in environmental protection — ensuring that the planet's natural resources be conserved, and acting responsibly so the planet can continue to support many future generations -- their pocketbooks deliver an entirely opposite message.

There had been talk a number of years ago of developing nuclear fusion as a viable source of pollution-free energy starting as early as 2030. Despite the reality of climate change, the increased severity of wildfires across North America and beyond, the increased frequency and severity of spring tornadoes in the US and severe seasonal tropical cyclones around the world, it seems that for big energy, the rush is on to spend more money on carbon-belching facilities that harm the environment rather than protect it.

We sometimes wonder what our grandchildren will think when the major cities in which they grew up along the ocean's edge are being inundated and made uninhabitable by rising sea waters. [This story](#) will be of interest to anyone concerned about the environment. SXM is an island with lots of beaches which will be heavily impacted if man's contribution to climate change isn't reversed -- in a hurry.

23. NOAA Helping Caribbean Coral

Very interesting story on the important battle to keep coral healthy

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/noaa-develops-new-type-coral-nursery>

24. Want to See Back Issues of SXM Weekly News? Here's How

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published since Spring 2014, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and many Special Editions.

Check it out [here](#). It has now been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is being added just hours after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. Restaurant of the Week:

Returns this month....

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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

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

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

Here are examples of SkyMed in action:

On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach, a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to SXM. Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

Mary Beth and her partner Don were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

An MD from Florida who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed *which arranged and paid for* an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: huge.

A Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown

home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cay Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A member of the clergy fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

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

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More Info on SkyMed...

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

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

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

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

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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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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.

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

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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.

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

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Sale and Pepe

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

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Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's (NEW)

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar (NEW)

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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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34. Use Our Weekly News Archives

See story 24.

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35. 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.

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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

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