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### ***SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:***

**RENTAL** 12/28/2019 1/4/2020 52 **Divi Little Bay New Years in St. Maarten. Watch the fireworks from your balcony overlooking Great Bay/Philipsburg. We have two units, side by side. Will rent separately or together. Each unit has one bedroom, living room with sleep sofa, 1 bath and full kitchen. Both sleep 4 and have a balcony overlooking Phillipsburg and Great Bay. Divi Little Bay has 3 pools, hot tub, 5 restaurants, 3 bars, grocery and stores on premises and a beautiful calm beach. Spa and watersports right at the resort. If you booked**

direct with resort, it would cost more than twice as much for the week. Govt. \$50 per week occupancy tax must be paid when checking out. \$1,300 per unit, \$2,500 for both units Carol 508-947-7721 [cagi@aol.com](mailto:cagi@aol.com)

### ***SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:***

**SALE** 3/7/2020 4/4/2020 Week 10 11 12 13 **The Villas at Simpson Bay Resort Sleep 6, Floor 4, close to Marina building.** Master suite can be used as sleep 4 with junior suite as lock off unit. Stay in one unit and rent out the other! Beautiful view of Simpson Bay with restaurants, jewelry store, casino, and grocery available on the resort and other restaurants available within walking distance. Balcony has full afternoon shade, perfect way to end your day on the beach. Unit to be completely refurbished during low season in 2019. \$17,000 per week Deborah 412-952-7577 [d\\_henle@msn.com](mailto:d_henle@msn.com)

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

## 1. 2019 Hurricane Season Lull May Be Almost Over

The 2019 Atlantic hurricane season has almost two full months to go. Despite its recent lull, the season may well be picking up as early as later this week.

Rob Lightbown, the chief meteorologist at our go-to source of hurricane information, [Crown Weather](#), said this in his latest Bulletin to his subscribers:

*I still think that there is a 50-50 chance for tropical development to occur in the western Caribbean between the 10th and 20th of this month.*

*Why do I feel so strongly about this possibility and why am I not backing off from my forecast? I'm not convinced at all that the hurricane season is done and the Caribbean (especially the western Caribbean) is a climatologically favored spot for tropical development in October. In addition, there is a climatological mini peak during the 10th and 20th of October and it would not surprise me to see the atmosphere take advantage of this.*

*Finally, it should be noted that both the European ensemble guidance and the GFS ensemble guidance are trending towards less activity in the eastern Pacific over the next 2 weeks and this trend could shift the focus towards the Caribbean.*

*One thing to note as to why there are large differences between the GFS ensemble guidance and the European ensemble guidance. The GFS ensemble guidance forecasts a favorable environment, including plenty of moisture and low wind shear to support development. The European ensemble guidance, on the other hand, forecasts dry air to work its way into the Caribbean which would prevent any sort of development. So, these environmental conditions would be something to keep an eye on.*

Serious storms have been known to hit St. Maarten in both October and November; October storms are relatively common, though not frequent, and November storms, though relatively rare, can be quite potent.

See the Weather Center on our main site, everythingSXM.com. There, you'll find the latest watches and warnings for any active storms plus many satellite images and some radar loops.

Additional sources of weather information are in some of the other articles in this section.

## 2. Knops Wants Less Political Impact on SXM Airport

Raymond Knops, State Secretary for Kingdom Relations and the Interior in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who is the primary Kingdom interface for islands in the Dutch Caribbean, does not want political events in St. Maarten to have any deleterious impacts on the completion of renovations at SXM Airport. In fact, he wants the airport to be isolated from such impacts.

Here is that [complete story](#).

## 3. Has AA Scheduled Your Flight on a Max 8?

As we reported here last week, American Airlines continues to schedule future flights aboard its currently grounded 737 Max aircraft.

For good reason, there appears to be a fair amount of confusion about the effect of this on people with confirmed reservations.



In some cases, the airline appears to be notifying people that flights it scheduled knowing that the aircraft were still grounded have been canceled and replaced by other flights with other flight numbers at different times. Such replacement flights may well create connection issues for some passengers. In other cases, some American Airlines frequent flyers are saying that the flights do go on as scheduled, with American simply replacing Max aircraft with other 737s or 757s.

To be sure that you are able to fly when you expect to, if you receive such a notification from American Airlines we strongly suggest you call the airline to find out specifically what it is doing for you. Don't assume anything. Many American Airlines coach passengers say the airline has not been giving them the kind of service they expect since the US Airways merger several years ago. In fact, AA won the dubious distinction of being the airline that people liked *least* in an unscientific survey we took not long ago in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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## 4. 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).

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## 5. 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](#).

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## 6. 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.

More stories are below.

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## **7. Guaranteed Big-Time Savings on Hotels, Cruises, & Car Rentals**

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## 8. Still NO Real Word on Westin's Future

The Westin property on Dawn beach, the Westin St. Maarten Resort and Casino, actually consists of two related properties -- the Westin Dawn Beach Club, which is a big timeshare facility, and the accompanying Westin resort.

Columbia Sussex, a large hotel and casino developer with many dozens of properties widely scattered just about everywhere, has refused to say anything publicly about the future of the Westin resort. Meanwhile, timeshare owners who are staying at the Dawn Beach Club have been telling *SXM Weekly News* that renovations at the beach club are close to completion and that the grounds there and the rooms look beautiful. They say that resort employees are telling them that priority attention has been given to completely rehabilitating and renovating the timeshare property. Timeshare owners also say that employees have told them that attention will turn back to the resort at the end of this year, approximately, and that the resort will come back after extensive renovations as a five-star property. Columbia Sussex has refused to make any comment at all about any of this.

It is known that Marriott, the parent of Westin, is interested in locating a property on SXM. What and where that Marriott-branded property may be is the subject of much speculation. Some suggest that the Westin will be rebranded as a Marriott but others are saying it's more likely to stay a Westin at the Five-Star level. Two upscale all-inclusive resorts will be opening in SXM over the next two years — the Secrets resort on the French side in the next few months and the big new Planet Hollywood Resort in Philipsburg in 2021. Those resorts are expected to bring a younger, more affluent demographic to SXM — which is why some observers now think that the time has come for a five-star Westin to jump into that mix.

As soon as we know anything definitive, we'll publish it. Our sense is that those now saying "five-star Westin" may well be right.

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## 9. Hundreds of 2019, 2020 T/S Condo Rentals Available Online

If you're looking to rent an SXM timeshare condominium directly from its owners for your use during an upcoming 2019 or 2020 trip to SXM, go to our main SXM website at [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) and click on the timeshare rentals page. You'll find hundreds of ads and you'll be able to deal directly with the people who own the timeshares. If you have SXM friends who are also looking for accommodations, don't hesitate to mention our page to them, which also has links to additional sources of rentals plus villa rentals and more.

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## 10. 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.

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## 11. Get That Condo on the Beach You've Been Dreaming Of

*Spacious New Townhouses on Simpson Bay Beach:*

If you've been thinking about moving to SXM but are turned off by large condo developments and have an urge to be on the beach in a place that is state-of-the-art strong, gorgeous, functional, and reasonably priced, we may just have found it for you on Simpson Bay beach, near its quiet northern end.

Drake Residences is built using quad-lock® insulating concrete forms construction which delivers rugged durability as well as great soundproofing.

There beachfront location consists of a four-story beachfront tower and five spacious townhouses, all offering beachfront access.

Construction is state-of-the-art using strong, steel reinforced concrete which is fire resistant, ultra-energy-efficient, with high wind resistance, impact resistance, seismic resistance, and flood resistance as well.

Drake Residences also offers true luxury, with modern design; an Italian kitchen; a waterfall island; floating staircases; all in a spacious, private, turnkey location. Preconstruction prices begin at just \$850,000; construction is about to begin. This is the last buildable lot on Simpson Bay beach and at these prices, you can expect Drake Residences to be sold out quickly.

If you'd like detailed information directly from the developer (whom you may well already know), email Jeff at [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com). Include your email and phone number with the subject **Drake Residences**. We'll put you in direct contact with the developer himself so he can tell you all the details. This is the most attractive, incredibly durable beachfront property we've seen in SXM in many years, and it is brand-new construction. Photos have been posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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## 12. 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 very frequently updated.

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### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 13. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updates Coming

Jeff returns to the island during November and will be working in November and December to further increase the already significant number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, and other businesses offering discounts or other incentives to members of our JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program.

As these additions are made, they will be reported here in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#).

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### SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

## 14. Is SXM "Ungovernable?"

Raymond Knops, who was mentioned in story number 2, has repeatedly said that the Kingdom has no interest in taking over governing SXM.

However, there has always been much angst on the island — much of it stirred up by politicians looking for votes — about the prospect of a Kingdom takeover. Adding fuel to that thought is the fact that the ninth government of Country St. Maarten since it was formed on October 10, 2010 fell a couple of weeks ago, as we reported here.

St. Maarten has somewhere over a dozen political parties. Most governments formed are coalitions which always seem to be fragile. If one or two politicians switch parties, the government falls and new elections are called, giving people who print candidate posters a bonanza. One of SXM's many private news websites suggested in a post that

all this may be an elaborate plot to enable the Dutch to take over, using the claim that SXM is ungovernable.

If you'd like to see what they're saying, their story is [here](#). If you're interested in island politics, you will undoubtedly hear speculation about a Dutch takeover despite the fact that, as already noted here, there is no proof that we know of that such an action is even being considered by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, let alone orchestrated.

Of course, we will also keep you posted about what happens on the Dutch side with the next coalition.

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## 15. Orient Beach Changes Shape Again At Club Orient

After record-shattering major hurricane Irma blasted SXM 25 months ago, it left behind a much larger beach on which not a single building still stood. The huge beach was about the only good news after the storm.

On a tongue-in-cheek basis, Cedrick, who manages the clothing-optional section of Orient beach in front of Club Orient, posted a picture of the "new pool" at Club Orient. We even ran a link to the picture in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) calling it a "nude pool."

In fact, it's just a stretch of very shallow water parallel with and behind (or on) the beach — something that happens with the regular tidal ebb and flow.

What happens from here on to the beach only Mother Nature knows, and she's not telling *SXM Weekly News*.

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### **16. Maho Beach Disappears Again, Temporarily**

Swells, waves, and tidal effects recently caused Maho beach -- where crowds of tourists congregate to watch planes fly very low overhead -- to disappear again, much as it did after hurricane Irma and a number of much smaller storms since. It usually comes back in a few weeks, if that.

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### **17. Plastic Bags Rapidly Disappearing; Plastic in Sea Salt**

Millions of tons of single-use plastic bags, straws, and other plastic debris overload dumps around the world. Increasingly, plastic is found fouling the world's oceans. (In fact, if you eat sea salt, there is a chance it may contain microscopic pieces of plastic, which is why increasing numbers of [people are avoiding sea salt](#).)

In response to plastic junk, many countries and states are banning single-use plastics. The government of Sint Maarten has been in a state of turmoil for multiple reasons, so a significant number of local markets have on their own converted to offering reusable bags to their customers — and have dumped single-use plastics.

It's a good thing to see.

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### **18. Signs of a Very Cold, Snowy Winter?**

Whether you call them old wives tales (or old husbands tales), intuition, feelings, or whatever, lots of people at this time of year offer prognostications of what awaits us in the northern USA and Canada and much of Europe this forthcoming winter.

That it will be cold and snowy is undoubtable — winters do that. But will it be unusually cold and snowy? Our guess is yes, though we haven't heard anything from others on the topic. The reason: we have seen far more acorns this year than probably ever. People who own dogs are telling us their dogs' coats are thicker. Squirrels seem to be busier than ever trying to hide all those acorns and eat a lot too.

Regardless of whether this prognostication comes true, cold weather and snow will soon be on its way. If you're not already planning multiple trips to SXM, consider this vacation song — penned by one of our readers, a travel agent, to the tune of Hark the Herald Angels Sing; it may put you in the mood:

Hark! Your Tra-vel Agent Sings,  
Winter, Summer, Fall and Spring -  
Peace on Earth and Mercy Mild,  
Make Res-er-va-tions for your Spouse & Child.

(She is sticking to her day job.)

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## 19. Hordes of SXM Restaurants Returning After Vacations

As has been a tradition across most of the Caribbean for many years, late in summer and early in fall, significant numbers of restaurants are closed for their annual seasonal closing. They worked nonstop all winter — either with one day off a week or no days off — so these vacations, which can range in length from a month to two or three months — are counted on for R&R and for major upgrades to their properties.

Here is a list of a number of properties that are either opening now, have recently opened, or are expected to open shortly. For our complete, constantly updated current list of restaurants that are reopening, please see our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which now has almost 24,000 participating members.

Yvette's Kitchen  
IZI Ristorante Italiano  
Pineapple Pete  
Wasabi Charlie  
JAX Steakhouse  
Oasis Rest.  
French Ludo's  
Mama Pizza (Porto Cupecoy)  
Bistrot Caraibes  
Roxxy  
Spiga (expected to reopen later this month)  
Vesna Taverna (always open for breakfast & lunch; reopens for dinner around 11/2).

Lee's Roadside Grille opened several weeks back at a new location opposite Atrium Resort, and Sale and Pepe Sicilian Restaurant opened at its new Marina location a couple of months ago.

For much more information on all these establishments, please see both the Files and discussion areas in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

See next story.

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## 20. "Where Are They Now?" New Series Begins Next Week

In a new series of articles that will debut here next week, we'll be talking about where some people are who worked for restaurants or resorts that are no longer operating. Among the restaurants we'll feature will be Daniel's by the Sea/Mr. Busby's Beach Bar, La Gondola, Turtle Pier, and more. We'll also feature Summit Resort.

If you have information about owners or employees of restaurants / resorts that you loved on SXM but that are now out of business, please send Jeff Berger a private message on Facebook and let him know the name of the restaurant or resort, the people, and where they are; we'll publish the information in ongoing stories to be published from next week through the winter season.

Tell your friends about *SXM Weekly News* -- they can sign up at [sxmweeklynews.com](http://sxmweeklynews.com).

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## 21. Please Help Stop the Scourge of Brain Tumors...

*Jeff Berger writes:*

Our son Scott Berger has had two brain tumors. He's married with two kids and understandably his passion and ours is supporting the efforts of the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) in finding the cause of brain tumors, improving diagnostic tools, advancing treatment modalities, patient care, and more.

Scott in a few weeks will once again be active in the Brain Tumor Walk where he lives, in the Phoenix area. Please see more in [his post for the NBTS](#) and please help in any way you can. Every family affected by brain tumors will thank you - us especially! -*Jeff & Ilene*



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## 22. Your Invitation: SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon 1/3

Starting in November, SkyMed members (read on even if you're not) will be receiving invitations by mail from SkyMed's headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona, inviting them to come to our [SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon in Simpson Bay, St. Maarten, on January 3](#). The menu is fantastic, not at all surprising since SkyMed takes great care of its members. On hand will be Eleanore and Will Klein, Chairman/CEO and President of SkyMed respectively. Jeff Berger, long-time SkyMed Ambassador, will also be on hand.

**Save the date.** Not too long after formal invitations go out, we'll be inviting other St. Maarten / St. Martin visitors from the USA and Canada (as well as American and Canadian XPats) to join us as well. SkyMed is handling all arrangements. SkyMed TAKES YOU HOME® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling -- and not just to SXM. See [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb) for more SkyMed info and call Jeff directly for answers to questions or to sign up by phone (that way we get credit). *Nothing else is SkyMed.*

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## 23. 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.

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## 24. 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](mailto: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.

*Orders can not be accepted after October 15, 2019 -- ordering will resume in April for our new SXM beach chair Euro Ovals, printed in purple. This is your last shot at our green ovals. .*

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## 25. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

A major promo continues on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *when you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership through us or upgrade your annual SkyMed membership bought from us to a multiyear membership, we will extend your JMB membership on us for the number of years you buy SkyMed.*

Example: Upgrade to or buy a new five-year SkyMed membership through us, and [we give you a free five-year extension of your existing JMB Website Supporters membership](#). All you need to do is forward us a copy of the acknowledgement you receive from SkyMed after you buy new or upgrade through us. For info, see [skymed.com/jmb](http://skymed.com/jmb) (that new website goes live soon), but [to qualify for these bonuses, you must buy by phoning us at \(508\) 747-8281 or email Jeff at \[jeff@jmbcommunications.com\]\(mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com\) with the subject SkyMed](#). Give us your phone number and time zone and we'll return your call as quickly as we can. Available exclusively to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats.

## 26. Restaurant of the Week:

Returns next week...

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

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

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

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

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 4/29/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Sunday.

**Emilio's** at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured 4/21/19) is as stupendous as it ever was, with spectacular dining in an equally spectacular restored building on the Emilio Wilson Estate. Ask to see the wine cellar and the museum. Open for lunch and dinner: not to be missed.

**Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant**, [www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant](http://www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant) 4/15/19. Just go....

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 4/8/19) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 3/11/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**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](http://www.sailstmaarten.com) (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

**Domino's Pizza** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

**The Hideaway**, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

**Melange International Grill** (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

**Papagayo**, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16) Club Orient was wrecked by Irma; rebuilding is planned. ETA not yet known.

**St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge** Reopened.

**Jimbo's**, [www.jimboscafe.com](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17) Reopened.

**Taloula Mango** <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

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

Our new SkyMed website is [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb), now live; please bookmark that and not any other site.

**When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone; that way we get credit.** It takes about 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for

and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we do get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you.

SkyMed inquiries only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. Thank you. Customer stories are below.

## 28. Going Somewhere 1/10or Later? Beat SkyMed's 90-day Exclusion of 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](mailto: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 guaranteed renewable annual or multiyear protection now at only about \$1.35/day, pre-existing conditions will be covered in full after a brief 90-day waiting period. SkyMed protects you in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global protection 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](http://www.skymed.com/jmb): please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

Customer stories are below.

## 29. \*\*\*\*\*SkyMed Customer Stories\*\*\*\*\* Protect Against Pricy Emergency Medical Evacuations by Getting SkyMed:

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

**Here are examples of SkyMed in action:**

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

with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

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

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

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

**A woman from Virginia** shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

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

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

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

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

### **More Info on SkyMed...**

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

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

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

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

It's available to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats from both countries. Short-term and annual coverage includes

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

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

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweekly.../SkyMedServices.pdf>

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

*When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone. It takes under 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we also get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you. SkyMed calls only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time.. Thank you.*

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**That's a 10-year price guarantee.**  
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## 30. Are You Military?

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Visit [everythingxm.com](http://everythingxm.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.

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

**Get The Current Low Price**

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**and keep the current low price on your first 5-yr. renewal.**  
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## 32. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 9/28)

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**Century 21 St. Maarten** (just joined)

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**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](http://blueparadiserealty.com).

**Sunshine Properties** has just joined us.

**Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies**

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

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### SECTION 5: For Members Only

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B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.

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

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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.

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