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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 2/15/2020 2/22/2020 Week 7 **Simpson Bay Resort & Marina President's Week. Beautiful renovated one-bedroom unit, sleeps four.** This 4th floor unit, in the Beaumontia Bldg (lower B) has balcony with gorgeous ocean views, beautiful sunsets overlooking Simpson Bay. Air-conditioned, fully equipped kitchen, large private bedroom with king-size bed, living room with additional pullout queen bed. Resort offers several pools, many restaurants, tennis courts, new fitness center, a convenience store, water sports, casino, and The Red Piano piano bar. Many local restaurants and bars in easy walking distance. Timeshare tax is due upon checkout. For more info see: <http://www.simpsonbayresort.com>. \$1,450 Mary-Beth 7246985896 marybeth.mccormack@gmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 2/23/2019 3/2/2019 Week 8 **Simpson Bay Resort and Marina** Flamboyant bldg. directly on the beach. One bedroom, King master suite, sitting area, full bath, full kitchen, dining, living room couch chairs, also with Murphy beds to accommodate two more people. Full mattresses on Murphy beds, not thin as like on sofa beds. Two flat screen televisions, bluray, AC throughout. Patio facing ocean, table chairs, lounge. Steps to beach and pool with swim up bar and restaurant. Property has many restaurants, casino, grocery, bakery, tennis courts, many pools, gym, shopping. White sandy beach with palapas and chairs. Sit and watch the Regatta from your patio, this is only one of 12, one bedrooms that are located directly on the beach. Walking distance to many off resort restaurants as well. \$10,000.00 Karen 774-264-1267 Rinkydy151@aol.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

See them all at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

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

1. Boeing 737 MAX Has New Software Issue

A new, recently discovered software issue may — or may not — impact the proposed midyear relaunch of Boeing's long-troubled 737 Max aircraft. The flaw relates to a faulty trim indicator light in the instrument panel of the aircraft. Boeing has said that it wants to get the airliner back in the sky by the middle of this year, but the FAA has made no such promises.

Here are [details](#) about the latest Boeing 737 MAX software issue.

2. Worst Airlines for Canceling Flights

Ever wonder what airline has the dubious distinction of being worst at canceling flights?

Here are [the ratings](#). As you will see, some of the airlines on this list serve SXM....

This report also regards who gets the most complaints, plus information about flights that take off late, and other interesting info about airlines flying in America and to SXM.

3. Jet Blue Schedule Extended Until 10-/24

JetBlue — which in a survey last year in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) was voted the favorite airline of our readers — has now extended its schedule until October 24, enabling readers to plan their summer vacations in SXM — vacations which will save them money, deliver better weather than the sweltering heat of urban cities, and provide better food in less crowded restaurants ... and travel to them on less crowded roads.

If you haven't taken a summer vacation in SXM, make this the summer. For much more information about the island, see our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

4. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

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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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.

SkyMed Travel offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 115% 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 there to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc..

6. Diamond Resorts Updates Aren't New...

Some social media outlets late last week were publishing reports from Diamond Resorts concerning both Royal Palm and Flamingo which they touted as being new.

The reality is that those are the same reports we used as source material for an article here two full weeks ago. For those Royal Palm and Flamingo timeshare owners who missed our report, here it is:

Diamond Resorts announced recent construction progress updates at Royal Palm and Flamingo Beach Resort.

There are more than 300 active construction workers between Flamingo Beach and Royal Palm, who are preparing two "brand new" resorts for owners and guests when we reopen the doors. In 2019 new windows, entry doors, sliding doors and exterior walls were installed at both resorts.

Provided there are no issues, such as weather or shipping delays, construction for both resorts should be mostly complete by late July 2020. Then the construction team will turn the buildings over to the resorts. Every unit will be inspected and checked to ensure quality standards and stocked with supplies and equipment before the resort will be ready for owners, members and guests.

As construction continues at Flamingo, corridor tiles will be replaced by a bomanite product providing a cleaner look and slip resistant floor. Our new lobby design concept includes a new "grab-n-go" convenience outlet. This new food service will replace the corner shop that will no longer be on-site. We will have more information on food and beverage concepts in our next newsletter update.

For the exterior, a new paint concept has been selected, utilizing the total wall painting texture to make the structure more weather resistant. This finish also requires lower maintenance and will improve look of the property.

Building 7 progress, "all units from floor 2 to 5 have been painted and tile has been installed. Kitchen and bathroom cabinets installed from floor 3 to floor 5. Unit entry doors have been installed from floor 3 to floor 5."

At Royal Palm Beach in the coming months, all corridor tiles will also be replaced by the bomanite product for a cleaner look and a slip resistant floor. Elevator shafts are now being installed and a new lobby design was approved. The exterior painting concept is approved and some planters and arches previously on both sides of the building have been removed. This process will continue in the coming weeks.

All Royal Palm "units from floor 3 to 5 have been painted and tile has been installed, Kitchen and bathroom cabinets are installed on floors 4 and 5, and unit entry doors have been installed from floor 2 to floor 5."

--Provided by Yvonne Mendenhall, based on data supplied by Diamond Resorts to its members in SXM

7. Reserving Places to Stay in SXM

Some people think that since some resorts closed after being destroyed by Irma, and some buildings at certain

resorts disappeared once Irma had swirled away, there are no places to stay in St. Maarten. That's a dead wrong conclusion.

Check our main St. Maarten website at everythingSXM.com and on the timeshare rentals page, you will find hundreds of rentals across the island. Check the Sponsors list in every issue of SXM Weekly News and you will find the latest listings of SXM businesses whose mission it is to provide you with perfect vacation accommodations. Each one of those sponsors offers hundreds of villas, condos, and other accommodations.

Yes, some timeshare buildings are gone and there is still quite a bit of building going on here in SXM. But there are plenty of places to stay — and now, you know exactly where to look.

8. 2021 Timeshare Rentals May Be Submitted by JMB Members

Every year, usually starting in March, we begin to accept timeshare rental listings for the following year from our JMB Website Supporters members. Members can submit ads by clicking "Submit an Ad" on the homepage of our members-only "secret" website.

The demand for accommodations keeps increasing and even with new hotels opening on the island or nearing their opening during 2021 and 2022, it's clear that demand for 2021 will be high. For that reason, we have decided to enable our JMB Website Supporters members to start placing ads for timeshare rentals with 2021 dates effective immediately. The next update of our timeshare listings, which will take place in the next few days, will include initial 2021 (as well as 2020) timeshares offered by our JMB Website Supporters members.

Bear in mind that these are direct rentals that buyers purchase directly from our JMB Website Supporters members. There is no middleman, there are no rental fees, and there is nothing else to get in the way of you making your best possible deal directly with the timeshare owner. That's why our timeshare rental ads on everythingSXM.com are among the most popular means for tourists to rent SXM timeshare weeks directly from owners.

Again, you will find those weeks on our main SXM website, everythingSXM.com.

9. How To Rent Out Or Sell Your Timeshare Units

If you own timeshare weeks that you would like to rent out or sell on our main everythingSXM.com website, you can do it once you become a member of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program. For all the details, go to our main site, everythingSXM.com and click on timeshare rentals in the navigation bar. You'll find the details about posting there. For information about joining JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on all pages of everythingSXM.com. As a member, you will have access to a growing pallet of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at everythingsxm.com.

The ability to post timeshare rentals on our site is limited to JMB Website Supporters members only, and is not available to any others at any price.

10. Buying a Condo in SXM? Here's Important Info

Just before Thanksgiving 2018, 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 '18 seminar is 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](#).

Please check this link to [BrightPath](#) in SXM, 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, or relocating there. They're located in the Puerta del Sol building opposite Avantika, Simpson Bay, Dutch side. Ask for Vivian Chamas and let her know you heard about BrightPath through Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

11. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updates Underway

Jeff is working this winter to further increase the already huge 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](#).

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

12. On Island92 Mon.: Mullet Bay/NY Tourist Who Broke Her Leg

About a year ago, SkyMed told us that one of our members was receiving a medical evacuation from SXM to New York City after breaking her leg at Mullet Bay beach.

That woman, Roxanne Smith, will be with us this coming Monday (TODAY, 2/10) on fresh air in the morning with Dr. Soc between 930 and 10 AM on Island92 radio, 91.9 FM or Island92.com. We urge you to tune in to hear her first-hand account of what exactly happened.

As we recall it, here are the circumstances — though we're sure Roxanne will provide more insights when she is on the air 2/10:

On a beautiful day 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 the Dutch Side 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 individual 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. There, she had major surgery to repair her broken leg -- paid for by her own US health insurance.

Fact: Anything can happen anywhere. Isn't it time you got SkyMed? See skymed.com/jmb or call us at 508-747-8281. We return calls within one business day -- or faster. Please do it by phone with us; that way we get credit.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

And you'll find Frequently Asked Questions here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2020SkyMedFAQ.pdf>

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Your Invitation To Our Vodka / Rhum Tasting Island Party

JMB Website Supporters invites all JMB members to our first 2020 TOPPERS RHUM AND VODKA TASTING PARTY at Toppers Rhum [and now Vodka!] Distillery in Cole Bay 6-9 pm Wed. February 19.

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Delicious free appetizers, FREE Rhum tasting, FREE pre-launch Toppers Vodka tasting, plus a cash bar for those not into Rhum or Vodka. Members may bring two guests but ALL must be preregistered.

LIMITED SPACE. NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED.

To register, email susank@jmbcommunications.com
SUBJECT - VODKA, give us the names of the JMB Website Supporters members attending AND THE CURRENT, VALID MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, plus your email address and phone number. You may bring a maximum of two guests WHO ALSO MUST BE PREREGISTERED. We will reply with an acknowledgement and directions. REGISTER NOW!

You CAN NOT register by replying to this article; all registrations must be sent to the above email address.

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P. S. More parties are coming. Join JMB Website Supporters now - it's our Island Discount Program with about 300 discounts & other benefits. See details by clicking the page curl at our main site, everythingxsm.com.

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13. New Yorkers Banned from Global Entry

In a stunning development that will impact hundreds of thousands of residents of New York State, the Department of Homeland Security late last week said that it will accept no new applicants for its Global Entry Program from New York State and *it will not renew any Global Entry memberships from anyone with a New York State address.*

To protect "undocumented" aliens, New York State will not allow the Department of Homeland Security to check New York State records concerning people with drivers licenses. New York State does allow undocumented people to obtain licenses in the state and is not allowing DHS access to state drivers license databases, which DHS requires. That is the reason this happened. We would expect many thousands of complaints will go to both DHS and to the state of New York over both of these policies.

Many NYS residents think that people who live in New York and have valid US passports should be exempted from this ruling, but that does not appear to be what DHS has decided. Here is [the complete story](#) on this highly unpopular DHS move and the legislation by the State of New York that prompted it.

14. USA Today Caribbean "Best Of" Results Due Friday

the 14th

Many local SXM businesses are on the edge of their seats awaiting the results of the recent polls deciding what beach bars, distilleries, and so on are the Best of the Caribbean. Last year, Emilio's Restaurant and Toppers rum distillery were two of SXM's big winners in this annual best-of competition, with votes decided by consumers. We will have complete results in next week's *SXM Weekly News* and we will publish them on receipt in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If you're not already a member of that group, we strongly suggest you join — it's loaded with useful island information.

15. New Dutch Side Parliament Installed

For the 10th time in 10 years, SXM has a newly sworn-in parliament.

As we reported a few weeks ago, voters here in SXM selected the most popular politicians from among more than a dozen political parties, necessitating the formation of a coalition government. In the past, when members of such a coalition government decided to change parties, coalitions collapsed and new elections had to be called: that happened nine times in the nine years following the formation of Country St. Maarten on 10/10/10.

Members of the coalition-based just-seated new Parliament seem to be swearing up and down that they will get things done and that they will stay put and remain in the political parties from which they were elected to the new coalition government. Voters here — realizing that this has not happened in the nine governments that have been formed in the last 10 years, all of which have fallen — are not happy and have made that clear to members of the coalition that is the 10th government to form and 10 years.

We wish them well and hope they stay together and get a lot accomplished.

16. Make Valentine's Day Plans NOW

If you expect to be on the island on Valentine's Day, Friday the 14th, and if you don't have your Valentine's Day plans nailed down, it's imperative for you to do so at once. Valentine's Day is one of the busiest holidays of the year for island restaurants which are packed. Reservations are absolutely essential. If you make reservations and are not going to be able to use them, make sure to cancel them in fairness to the restaurant owners and other restaurant guests.

We have long suggested that Restaurateurs here take credit card information when taking reservations and charge a hefty sum per seat for no-shows who didn't bother to cancel. Failing to cancel is not fair to the restaurant and it should cost people who do it.

17. Big Changes Coming for Marigot Waterfront?

The French side government has announced [big changes for the Marigot waterfront](#) following the bashing it took from hurricane Irma in September, 2017. Under the recently announced plans, the small, dank ferry terminal will be replaced by bright new digs. And cruise ships will have greatly improved facilities for passenger arrivals and departures.

There is no competition between the French and Dutch sides here. The biggest cruise ships along with some of the biggest Megayachts that visit the island as well as windjammers continue to arrive on the Dutch side of the island, while significantly smaller cruise ships prefer Marigot harbor.

18. Mardis de Grand Case Launches Successfully

Originally launched as a Tuesday night Street fair to drum up early-week business in Grand Case, [Mardis de Grand Case](#) — then called harmony nights — has become an institution in what for years has been called the culinary capital of the Caribbean.

Although it's not a great night to sit and have quiet conversations in Grand Case, nonetheless it's a great take, with a marching band, many street vendors, and a lot of color from one end of Grand Case to the other. Parking can be challenging so arrive early; shuttle buses have been made available in the past from the Aerodrome, the Grand Case airport.

If you're here, it's definitely the place to be on Tuesday nights. Reservations are essential.

19. Valentines Day Gifts Exclusively for JMB Members from Caribbean Gems

If you'll be on SXM any time between now in March 31, and if you're a JMB Website Supporters member, you can now download a free \$50 Caribbean Gems gift card [here](#). Go to the bottom of that page for the download link. *The card can be used toward purchases of precious gems or gold as described on the card in either of the Caribbean Gems locations on Front Street east of the historic Courthouse in Philipsburg.*

This certificate, exclusively for JMB Website Supporters members, enables you to buy some exquisite gifts for Valentine's Day or if you're here later in February or in March, for any other special occasion later this year (think Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day, or any other occasion). This is the first of several offers our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program will be delivering directly to our JMB Website Supporters members. You will be required to present your JMB Website Supporters current, valid membership card plus a photo ID to take advantage of the \$50 gift card. It can NOT be redeemed without a valid, current JMB Website Supporters membership card.

To join JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on our main site, everythingSXM.com. Your most recent membership card was emailed to you as an attachment from the email address tracy@jmbcommunications.com — make sure to take it with you on your next trip to SXM.

Other Valentine's Day gift ideas are being posted periodically in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

More news stories follow the important SkyMed Q&A below.

20. SkyMed Q&A / FAQ (New)

SkyMed® FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answers to Common Questions

This document contains general SkyMed information in answer to common questions. SkyMed's services are defined by its Member Services Agreements – plain English documents that tell you what you get and how it works (see much more info below). As always, SkyMed offers a 30-day "Free Look period," so if for any reason you're not satisfied with your unused SkyMed protection before 30 days have expired, SkyMed will refund your money.

Q1. Does it cover my trip to...?

1. Basic short-term and annual "SkyMed Takes You Home®" protection applies throughout the USA (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global Emergency Travel Services (G.E.T.S., a subsidiary of SkyMed) protection is available outside the USA, CANADA, MEXICO, BAHAMAS, BERMUDA, and the CARIBBEAN (the rest of the world), however neither SkyMed nor G.E.T.S. covers trips to nations on the U. S. State Department's then-current "Do Not Travel" list – North Korea, Iran, and Venezuela currently, for example, and several others. Before planning a trip, check that list if you have any question about whether protection is provided for your destination – or call SkyMed directly during normal office hours (Mountain Standard Time) at 480 946 5188 or 1-800-475-9633.

Q2. Who is protected?

1. "Single" protection is available for individual travelers. "Family" protection includes your spouse or domestic partner and your young children up to 18 or 24 if they are full time students.

Q3. Do I need to call SkyMed before traveling outside my home country?

1. If you're traveling during the normal high season for travel to your destination, no. If you're traveling to your destination during its low season, do call SkyMed Member Services at the 800 number in the first question and let them know.

Q4. What if I'm going to a country not listed above in question 1?

1. Then you'll need (G.E.T.S) protection. If you have one of our Ultimate multiyear memberships, (G.E.T.S.) protection is included. On Annual (one-year) memberships, "G.E.T.S." protection is an inexpensive option.

Q5. What's the difference between "short term" and "Annual" or multi-year protection?

1. Short-Term protection is intended for brief trips, say a week or two. Like Annual protection, it "Takes You Home®" to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you suffer a serious or critical illness or injury while traveling. Preexisting medical conditions are covered from day one with the short-term plan. It's inexpensive, only \$15/day for family protection. Remember, though, that Annual and Multi-year Ultimate memberships cost much less – only about \$1.35/day for family plans. Plus, they're guaranteed renewable without regard to advancing age or declining health. If you get a short-term plan, once it has expired, it is done, and you must reapply and requalify for another when you next travel. With Annual and multiyear Ultimate memberships, all you need do is renew before the renewal deadline – no need to reapply unless your membership has lapsed and the grace period has ended.

Q6. Is there an age limit for applications?

1. There is no age limit to apply. There's no age limit on renewals, either.

Q7. Can you cancel my protection at a certain age or if I get really sick?

1. Annual and multi-year Ultimate memberships are guaranteed renewable, as noted above. They will not be cancelled simply because you're a certain age or because your health has changed.

Q8. Will you raise the price of my membership at a certain age or if I get sick?

1. Once you're a SkyMed member, at renewal time you'll pay the same low renewal fees that everyone else with your type of membership pays. If you join at age 75 or older and purchase the X-Pat plan because you live in Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, or the Caribbean, the X-Pat plan is more expensive than the standard traditional (Annual or multiyear Ultimate) plan.

Q9. What exactly does SkyMed cover? Is it health insurance?

1. You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

This is the same list you'll find on the back of our current membership applications. SkyMed provides up to 18 benefits related to medical evacuation if you suffer a serious or critical illness or injury while traveling. It is not health insurance – in the "SkyMed universe," SkyMed *Takes You Home®* to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, where your health insurance works.

Q10. What about pre-existing conditions? Are they covered?

1. Yes: for short-term memberships, medevac protection (including items listed in the answer to Q9, above) is included for critical illnesses or injuries related to pre-existing and non-pre-existing conditions. For Annual and multiyear Ultimate memberships, pre-existing conditions are covered after a brief 90-day waiting period.

Q11. I want guaranteed renewable protection because of my age, but I'm going on a trip sooner than 90 days. What can we do about that?

1. Get our inexpensive short-term membership to cover your near-term trip, including medical evacuations for serious or critical illnesses or injuries due to pre-existing conditions. At the same time, apply for an Annual or Ultimate membership, to kick in once your near-term trip ends.

Q12. I'm not traveling for a while. When should I apply?

1. Get SkyMed before you need it – just like fire insurance. Since you don't know when you'll need it – and since health can change in a heartbeat thanks to falls, accidents, or other issues – it's always better to do it sooner rather than later. Beyond that, if you have pre-existing conditions and get SkyMed Annual or multiyear

Ultimate medevac protection now, that 90-day exclusion period for pre-existing conditions protection may well be finished by the time you travel.

Q13. What kind of questions do you ask in your application? Do you send somebody to do a medical exam?

1. There's no medical exam. Our application is simple, asking about hospitalizations in the last six months, your current medical conditions, and your prescriptions – and on the prescriptions, all we need is their name, not dosage info. If you have a complex medical history, SkyMed may ask for a "HQ" (health questionnaire) to be completed by your doctor and submitted to SkyMed by fax. You should also have your passport number handy; we record it so it's there in case you need help outside your home country.

Q14. How long does it take before I hear whether I'm accepted?

1. Generally just a few business days, but it's always best to do your application early to ensure sufficient time for processing.

Q15. I have more questions. Where do I find the answers?

1. SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger, located in Massachusetts, will be happy to answer your questions. Call his private line at 508-747-8281.

Q16. Can I sign up online?

1. For fastest results, we always suggest you contact us directly. We've done thousands of applications and can whisk you through the process in minimal time and with minimal bother. To get additional information first and see some customer stories, check our site, www.skymed.com/jmb. But to sign up, always call 508-747-8281. The process normally takes about 10 minutes, if that.

Q17. Who can get SkyMed?

1. SkyMed is available to residents of the USA and Canada, and to X-Pats living in the countries listed in Q1. X-Pat protection is necessary if you live outside the US or Canada for six months or more, in aggregate, in any 12-month period. Always notify SkyMed if you move.

Q18. I have a rather deep medical history. Will SkyMed still accept me?

1. Although SkyMed accepts the vast majority of applications, others do get health questionnaires (see Q13) and occasionally some do not qualify. There is no cost to apply if your membership application cannot be accepted. A history of a heart attack or cancer several years ago or other maladies does not automatically signal any issues for SkyMed. Apply – there is nothing to lose (again, no charge if you're not accepted). And as we noted in Q6 there is no age limit to apply and no age limit to renew.

How to Contact Us or Sign Up

Jeff is a SkyMed Ambassador. Reach him directly at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. You can also find him in Facebook Messenger through www.facebook.com/groups/mysxm or you can email him at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the Subject **SkyMed**. He has an alternate Skype number too, 508-591-3483. It is always best to sign up by phone directly with Jeff at the numbers above – it's fast & easy.

From:
JMB Communications
Membership Services
support@jmbcommunications.com

21. Want an SXM Vacation? How to enter our Vacation Giveaway

During our "Paradise SXM" Event, we'll be giving away several SXM vacations, including weeks at Simpson Bay Resort, Belair Beach Hotel, Adonis Cupecoy hotel, Azure Hotel and Art Studio on Simpson Bay beach, and El Zafiro hotel and restaurant on Simpson Bay beach -- and other properties to be announced.

The giveaway celebrates our site surpassing 6.5 million visits. Most of the weeks we give away will be handed out to randomly picked entries late in March. Some others — particularly at villas and condominiums to be announced —

will be given away a bit later. All are subject to seasonal limitations and availability.

In addition to vacations, we will give away dinners for two, gifts at jewelry stores, day sails, probably zipline trips, a car rental, and possibly some major gifts on one or two neighboring islands - all to be announced soon.

Here is more on our Paradise SXM vacation giveaway. To enter the giveaway, go to our home page at everythingxsm.com. That's the only place & the only way you can find the link to enter our giveaway. All winners *MUST* be subscribers to SXM Weekly News (required); it's free. We will verify that all winners are subscribers.

Paradise SXM will be one of our biggest Giveaways ever. Several people will be winning vacations from us. Why not you?

22. Cedrick's Club O. Beach Very Busy w/ Lots of New Lounges

The clothing-optional beach at Club Orient right now is probably at its busiest state in a long time. Overseen by Cedrick, who has been here for years, the beach now boasts lots of comfortable new lounges.

The water is warm and the crowd is friendly, so give it a try.

If you've never tried clothing optional sunbathing, [here's an article written just for you](#).

23. "Below Deck Sailing Yacht" Debuts

The Below Deck franchise of TV programs about yacht crews below deck has now expanded to include a third series.

The original Below Deck was based in St. Maarten for many years, though its last season was based in Thailand. Below Deck Mediterranean was the second series, and the just-premiered Below Deck Sailing Yacht looks at crew life on a Sailing Yacht near the island of Corfu in Greece.

We hope to have information about where the coming season of the original Below Deck will be shot.

For much more on the Below Deck franchise, go [here](#).

24. TIJON Parfumerie Is a MUST Stop on Your Trip

Tijon Parfumerie is much more than just a perfume shop with cosmetics and many fantastic souvenirs: it is also a working Parfumerie and one of the very few places in the world where you can actually create your own perfume or cologne (men or women). It only takes about an hour and a half and during that time you get a mini how-to course and access to bottles with hundreds of fragrances you learn how to combine on the spot. I created something I call Orient Sunrise a couple of years ago and I have reordered it on the island every year since, but you can also have it shipped from their US office.

Although you can do this for special occasions like a day for the girls (or for the guys), you can also do it simply because you want to; call to schedule your own perfume class. It's tremendous fun. For those less prone to adventure, there are also numerous fragrances that Tijon has created and you can check samples of each right in the Parfumerie. There are also beautiful T-shirts, beach bags, and much more. Tijon is centrally located diagonally opposite SPIGA Restaurant at the northern end of Grand Case on the French side. We visit every year without fail — multiple times. Seasoned perfume experts help you every step of the way. Chief honcho is John Berglund and he really knows his stuff.

If you can't make up your mind about which fragrance you want, Tijon offers two sets of fragrances — one for women and one for men — with eight fragrances each. You can spend time with their smaller vials and then buy more later....

For much more information, see www.tijon.com.

25. Get SkyMed Now For All Upcoming Trips: Member Stories

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone in about 10 minutes. [You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.](#)

Anything can happen anywhere: Do it today. To learn more, visit www.skymed.com/jmb, our new SkyMed site, going live shortly.. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters in this section.

26. Restaurant of the Week: Sale & Pepe

For several years Sale and Pepe restaurant was located in a cramped roadside spot in Simpson Bay not far from the Kimsha section of Simpson Bay beach. Though it was popular, the location was less than ideal so we only stopped by once.

Their new location, in a just-constructed building next to the Texaco gas station in Simpson Bay, puts diners on a beautiful enclosed deck in the middle of breathtaking megayachts. Inside and out, it's a gorgeous location, complemented by an experienced, competent staff, a substantial menu, and excellent service.

As we usually do with new restaurants, we waited a bit for the kinks to be worked out before we went, which finally happened last Friday night. We enjoyed crabcakes and Caesar Salad for our appetizers and swordfish and vegetarian eggplant parmesan for our main courses. Everything was excellent and served quickly despite the fact that the restaurant was packed — quite an accomplishment. With 160 seats, the restaurant has plenty of room and serves a lot of people every day. There is limited parking in front and much more parking at the side of the building.

You will see much more about Sale and Pepe in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), where they post frequently. We are happy to name them for the first time as our **Restaurant of the Week**.

Pictures of what we had were posted over the weekend in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Sale & Pepe (featured 2/10/20) Cool location among breathtaking megayachts, cool decor, knowledgeable staff, and great menu, service, and food. Sale & Pepe is hitting its stride. Chef Davide Zagami stays mostly in the kitchen ensuring things go just right.

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 2/3/20) SkipJack's triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go! Great staff and superb food in a picture postcard lagoon setting.

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 1/27/20: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, 1/6/20. Italian. Excellent food, many choices, busy, good specials. Many folks from Simpson Bay Resort dine here as well as many locals and lots of casino high-rollers. www.isolaristorante.com

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 12/30/19) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 12/2/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistro.com/en/ 11/26/19 Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining at very reasonable prices. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 11/18/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy (featured 11/11/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 10/28/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Wednesday through Sunday.

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.

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.

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....

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's Smooth 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.

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.

27. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Join our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and you'll find about 25,000 SXM tourists who love SXM as much as you do.

Our site is the best place around to ask questions and get answers about SXM -- around the clock. Check it out.

28. 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 recently been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is usually added just hours after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

29. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

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

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

30. 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.

31. Going Somewhere? Get Guaranteed Renewable Annual SkyMed 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 \$25,000 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 5 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 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: please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

Customer stories are below.

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

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

See the [rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits](#)

32. Are You Military?

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

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

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

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

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

34. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 2/10/20)

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:

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[Caribbean Gems](#)

[Majesty Jewelers](#)

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

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Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

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PARFUMERIE / PERFUME

Tijon Parfumerie, Grand Case, www.tijon.com

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:

[Island Real Estate Team](#) is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A long-time JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

Century 21 St. Maarten (new)

Sunshine Properties (new)

RESORTS:

Belair Beach Hotel

Simpson Bay Resort

Azure Hotel & Art Studio

Baker's Suites

RESTAURANTS & BARS

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[SPIGA](#)

VESNA TAVERNA

ISOLA

Frenchy Ludo's

SNOOPY'S

Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

Soggy Dollar Bar

Sale and Pepe

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar

Nowhere Special

ROXXY Bar / Restaurant (NEW)

LA ROSA (NEW)

NONNA ROSA (NEW)

LAZY LIZARD (NEW)

SWIMWEAR:

Endless Summer Swimwear, Philipsburg & Simpson Bay

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.

GoBeach Vacations

Sunshine Properties has just joined us.

Monte Verde / Belle Vue (new)

Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies

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