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**THIS WEEK'S STORIES:**

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

**1. 19 Named Storms Expected by NOAA During Hurricane Season**

2020 will be remembered for many things -- we certainly don't have to remind you. Hopefully this year's hurricane season will be memorable for what it does *not* deliver — though weather authorities are predicting seriously above

normal activity during this year's hurricane season.

Officially, hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, though tropical storm Arthur has already come and gone. Bertha is next.

NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has joined other weather experts (Colorado State University and Crown Weather, headed by our "go-to" chief meteorologist Rob Lightbown) and is now predicting an above normal season with up to 19 named storms.

Rob Lightbown, in fact, is already predicting tropical development again during June, which is early. If you're a member of Crown Weather (highly recommended if you live anywhere near any area that is ever affected by tropical cyclones), you can see all his information and forecasts at [crownweather.com](http://crownweather.com) -- and he emails his subscribers timely updates about what's happening across North America and throughout the Caribbean through all of hurricane season, whenever updates matter.

He already has specified what areas he believes will be impacted during hurricane season, as we have previously reported here in *SXM Weekly News*. To check those previous articles, please see our [SXM Weekly News PDF Archives](#).

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## 2. Delta Plans June Flights to SXM

Bear in mind that nothing is official about the resumption of flights to St. Maarten until the government formally announces its plans, which they have yet to do. Nonetheless, Delta almost a week ago announced that it will introduce initial flights back to SXM starting in June. (Those flights as of Saturday afternoon were not yet offered for sale on Delta's website. Delta pilots are telling us they aren't even available for pilots to put in to fly those first flights back, either.)

We have not ballyhooed Delta's announcement since nothing is official until the government says it is (see story 14 for more insight into the expected government announcement). Of all the airlines serving SXM, Delta has been the single most responsive to the needs of North American travelers in SXM ever since Covid reared its head early this year. We believe Delta has flown more rescue flights out of SXM for American citizens than every other US airline combined — and now, they are the first to announce plans for resumption of flights from the US, getting a leg up on every other US carrier.

We will have more to say going forward about Delta and their highly professional and responsive station manager in SXM, Marco Croes.

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## 3. Airlines Step Up Cabin Sanitizing

By now you've read multiple stories about what airlines are doing to sanitize aircraft cabins. They are spraying cabin interiors of active aircraft at least daily, with additional cleaning of highly used areas. Some airlines have stopped booking middle seats. The air inside virtually all commercial airliners changes roughly every 2-3 minutes and operating-room grade HEPA filters clear out contaminants.

From a sanitizing perspective, airlines are doing a great job. But the profitability of airlines is based upon seating density. The bottom line fact is that airlines can't make money if they rigidly enforce social distancing, which would require every other row to be empty — not just middle seats. Ideally, airline cabins would be much "cleaner" if only the window seat on each side of the plane were occupied -- and every other row was totally unoccupied. That of course would be a sure prescription for mass airline bankruptcies.

Although airline reservations are picking up for late summer and fall, enormous financial damage has already been wreaked on the major legacy carriers. Financial media reports concerning airlines are not really reassuring to investors. See the next story for more on the financial condition of the airlines.

Here's [more](#).

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## 4. Will Some Airlines Declare Bankruptcy Due to Covid?



Despite their federal bailout, airlines are still hemorrhaging cash. Once the funds given to the airlines by the federal government to pay salaries until September have run out, the airlines will need to tighten their belts even more. Despite the fact that they have made billions of dollars in the last few years, and that fuel prices have been at record lows, airlines continue to hemorrhage cash -- and there have been widespread financial media comments about the bottom-line viability of some carriers.

Financial media reports we've seen seem to put American Airlines first in line as a candidate for bankruptcy, though some executives there have dismissed that idea. Indeed, the airline did declare bankruptcy back in 2011 and subsequently announced a huge order for new aircraft and lots of other moves to strengthen itself out, not all of which were popular with its unions.

In an unscientific poll conducted among the members of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) a number of months ago, American was voted the least popular airline serving SXM among site members voting. AA has a lot of work to do to straighten out customer service, product issues, and other aspects of the AA experience.

Were they to declare bankruptcy, would they survive? Our expectation is that they would. But they ought to pay serious attention to the quality of the product they're delivering to passengers. If they can't improve that markedly -- and quickly -- it may be that far fewer people would miss them than they might think.

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## 5. Hertz Car Rental May Be Liquidated

If you routinely let the world's #1 car rental company put you in the drivers seat, you may soon need to start searching for other seats.

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn has acknowledged in press reports that Hertz is now in bankruptcy and faces possible piece by piece liquidation. The iconic leader of the car rental industry, in business for more than 100 years, has been hit with great severity by the coronavirus Pandemic. It caters to both business and leisure travelers, and with the amount of flights taken by travelers dropping 90% in recent months, the car rental company has been renting very few of its fleet of about 500,000 vehicles.

We publish this story here in *SXM Weekly News* because Hertz is a large company on SXM, though not as big as the island's biggest car rental company, Thrifty. If you plan on using Hertz to make future rentals on SXM or elsewhere, be cautious; the venerable company may not be available when you go to pick up your car.

Stay tuned: our hope is that they and all other currently imperiled companies make it through this temporary Pandemic and live to rent another day. Here is [more](#).

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## 6. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://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](http://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](http://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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at our Site: [www.sxmweeklynews.com](http://www.sxmweeklynews.com)***

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## **7. Where to Download the NHC's Hurricane Tracking Chart**

Blank hurricane tracking charts similar to those that have been used by the National Hurricane Center for many years are now available for download [here](#) (that's the NHC download site). Also noted above; republished in case you missed it.)

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

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*



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

### **9. 2021 Rentals Available Now at EverythingSXM.com**

SXM timeshare owners who are members of JMB Website Supporters have begun to post 2021 timeshare rentals on our main SXM website, [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com). Much more information about available rentals is on our timeshare rentals and sales page on that site. It is certainly not too early to start making reservations for 2021. Also please see the unnumbered story at the beginning of section 3 in this edition of *SXM Weekly News*.

### **10. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

### **11. 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**

### **12. News About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates**

Once the island reopens to tourism, we will be working 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 in *SXM Weekly News*

and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

JMB Website Supporters 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**

### **13. French Side To French State: Open Our Borders**

As we reported here in *SXM Weekly News*, recently the Dutch side stopped enforcing the border closure with the French side, as the Dutch side began to reopen, cautiously, following its ongoing battle with the coronavirus.

The French side of the island is operated as a collectivite, which from an administrative perspective is part of mainland France, following French state processes and procedures as dictated by the French state.

But French St. Martin shares an island with open borders with Dutch St. Maarten, a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that same administrative perspective, French SXM is entirely different from other elements of the French state. So, the president of the collectivite, Mr. Daniel Gibbs, has appealed to France to allow the borders with the Dutch side to be reopened, but as of Saturday morning when this was written, no information has been released from the French side government as to the disposition of its request with the French state. Worse, the French side has dumped large containers in the road at the country borders to prevent traffic from passing through.

If tourism to the island is going to resume it will require a big international Airport capable of welcoming passengers destined for either side of the island. Such passengers bound for the French side currently can't go there while the French side is still sealing its borders.

Negotiations on this continue and, as always, we'll keep you posted. We do expect it to be resolved: the real question is when.

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### **14. Dutch Side Appears Close to Resuming US Tourism**

With lots of stories appearing in SXM media, the fact that the Dutch side is preparing to reopen tourism from North America is one of the island's worst kept secrets. Some time relatively soon — we don't know when, and neither does anyone else — the Dutch side is expected to announce the resumption of flights to SXM from North America.

As is the case everywhere else on the planet, the resumption of flights will not be like a light switch putting things back exactly as they were. Rather, it's expected that flights will be reintroduced on a gradual basis — in phases, just as states in the United States are currently moving away from lockdowns.

There will almost certainly be health requirements to make sure that people who are entering the country are healthy and will not be imperiling the health of island residents. Once this reopening has been finalized and communicated by government officials -- with whom we're in contact -- we will communicate it first with all members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, followed by a Bulletin from *SXM Weekly News* to its readers worldwide, and coverage in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Until then, we will continue to restrict threads on Facebook with speculation about the resumption of air travel between North America and SXM. Speculation isn't facts and both *SXM Weekly News* and our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) are fact-focused.

If you have not already joined our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), we urge you to do so. You need only answer three quick, simple vetting questions which are designed to ensure that you are in fact interested in SXM.

Stay tuned.

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### **15. Plus One JMB Membership Promotion Begins**

In one way or another, virtually everyone worldwide is being impacted by Covid 19, the novel coronavirus.

As much of North America slowly begins to reopen after working hard to bring Covid 19 under control, many people are wondering when SXM will reopen, enabling them to return and pump some cash into the hard-hit island

economy.

First launched 18 years ago, our JMB Website Supporters SXM island discount program now offers about 300 discounts across the island — a number which we expect to grow once the island reopens for tourism (see related stories in this section). Although you personally may not return to SXM in the next couple of months, no doubt you are looking forward to going back as soon as it is practicable. For that reason — and in recognition of the financial impact Covid has made on many tourists — we want to make it easier for people to obtain our suite of SXM discounts, whether they're doing so for the first time or renewing a JMB Website Supporters membership.

For that reason, we are now introducing **plus 1** — a bold new program that gives everyone buying or renewing a multiyear JMB Website Supporters membership an additional full year of membership on us. This bonus is available today on all new JMB membership and renewal purchases, although you won't see anything about it on everythingSXM.com.

When your new JMB membership or your renewal is processed from now (5/18) through the end of May, we will automatically give you **plus 1** — an additional full year of JMB membership when you start a new **multiyear** JMB membership or renew one for more than one year.

**We are also doing this for members of the US military and first responders who are eligible for our Military/first responders memberships.** When you order a new or renewal four year military/first responders membership, you'll get an additional year on us if the transaction is completed by the end of this month. That is five years for \$67.96, which is our usual four year ultra low pricing for Military/first responder memberships and renewals. Ends May 31.

Regardless of when you intend to travel or when your current membership expires, this is an offer you should not pass up. We normally now only very rarely have any kind of sales, so **plus 1** is an offer that won't last long and that you should take advantage of now.

Orders can be placed through PayPal in the usual way, and you do not need to do anything special to be able to get this plus one offer. But you do need to respond now, since the offer will expire at the end of May. Much more information about new JMB memberships can be found on our main site, everythingSXM.com, by clicking the page curl. Renewal information is on our JMB members-only secret website, which members can access through logging in via the orange login box below the masthead on all pages of our main site, everythingSXM.com. **Plus 1** is automatic -- you will not find it mentioned on our site, but again, it ends May 31, 2020.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Membership Services at 508-830-3456 during regular office hours on weekdays, Eastern time.

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## 16. "Eco Bracelets" Introduced by SXM Nature Foundation

Long-time SXM environmental guardian the Nature Foundation has introduced what it calls eco-bracelets, designed to enable people to support the environmental preservation activities of the foundation.

Follow [this link](#) for complete information.

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## 17. From IZI, Low-Cost Prepared Italian Dinners, Delivered

IZi Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay, near the movie theater, has created and is now selling and delivering low-cost prepared Italian dinners which are made to be reheated at your convenience.

One of the island's most popular restaurants, iZi is a staple among SXM restaurants, consistently innovating to stay at the head of the pack. It's new dinners sell for as little as \$7.95 each, and delivery is available.

Here is information from the restaurant about this new service:

NEW: OVEN READY! Freshly made refrigerated meals, just to reheat in your oven or microwave! IZI OPEN FOR

TAKE OUT! 30% OFF ON ALL ITEMS!! From Monday till Friday from 11am till 8pm. Full menu available. You can find our menu on Facebook and on the website <https://izirestaurant.com> +1(721)544-3079 ♦ Simpson Bay next to the Movie Theater

IZI is a long-time recipient of our culinary Award of Excellence.

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## 18. Renowned Artist Sir Roland Richardson Debuts New Website

Renowned Caribbean plein air impressionist painter Sir Roland Richardson has debuted a new website at [www.rolandrichardson.com](http://www.rolandrichardson.com).

Here is an excerpt from the site:

"Light, symbol universal of the Divine, ever will remain an inaccessible mystery. Streaming through Earth's atmosphere, it mysteriously transforms itself—seemingly materializing—into the accessible mystery of Color. From the Poles towards the Equator, its radiance unfolds in warmth and abundant life; surely the innumerable species of flora and fauna is ample proof that Light, color and life are aspects of the same mysterious force." *Roland Richardson*

*When one takes to the field to create a painting from life, something extraordinary occurs. Light dances with the living panorama; clouds float, pout, spill, disappear; Waves swell, cap, recede. Color is real and magical at the same time. Life's mystery lies beyond imagination. Hours of meditative painting 'en Plein Air' yields artworks that flow with an eternal pulse. Artist Sir Roland Richardson has spent more than 50 years painting his native island of St. Martin, studying the changing seasons, recording the transient yet everlasting beauty of the experience that has become world-renowned.*

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## 19. SkyMed's Six Months of Free Protection Offer Ends Soon

In recent weeks, SkyMed international has offered six months of free protection as a bonus to people who opt to sign up for their top global membership, the five-year SkyMed Ultimate. This membership provides **SkyMed takes you home®** medical evacuation protection throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean, plus a suite of additional benefits for protection in the rest of the world. A complete list of all SkyMed Features is [here](#). And answers to frequently asked questions concerning SkyMed are [here](#). (These are both PDFs.)

SkyMed's offer of six months of free protection when you opt for a five-year SKYMED ultimate EXPIRES soon. You can sign up for it after watching a SkyMed webinar or simply by calling Jeff directly during regular office hours at JMB Communications on his private number, 508-747-8281.

If you are renewing an existing annual SkyMed membership, Jeff can help you get a free three month bonus on your renewal with no increase in cost. Call Jeff daytimes at 508-747-8281 for more information or to get this bonus. SkyMed memberships can be renewed as much as 18 months before they expire.

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## 20. SkyMed Launches Renewal Bonus: Three Months Free

SkyMed has launched a Get Back to Work RENEWAL Special for current owners of SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships. The first wave of the RENEWAL Special is for RENEWALS happening from May 1st to August 31st. SkyMed Members renewing through Jeff Berger during this period will receive an additional 3 month FREE extension to their SkyMed membership.

There will be a Phase II of the Get Back to Work Special dedicated to memberships that have lapsed. We'll have more information on Phase II soon. To renew your SkyMed membership now, call Jeff directly during normal East

coast business hours at 508-747-8281, his direct line.

## 21. Much More on SkyMed...

**N. B. Please do NOT unsubscribe from this list; doing so will terminate your subscription to SXM Weekly News.**

**Get Six Months of SkyMed Protection Free\* &  
Beat SkyMed's 90-day Exclusion of Coverage of  
Pre-Existing Conditions:  
Get your "66" with SkyMed --  
YOUR ROADMAP TO SAFETY  
=====IMPORTANT TIME-SENSITIVE OFFER=====**

*SkyMed will host a one hour GO TO MEETING presentation this Wed. at about 10:45am Pacific time. You may have missed attending a SkyMed presentation event because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now you can attend a very special one hour presentation in the comfort of your own home and earn a terrific bonus in the process.*

Watch on your computer and learn about the importance of at home or away protection with a SkyMed membership.

### **GET your 66 ---**

A FIVE year membership plus a 'SIX month EXTRA bonus'!

### **\*THE BONUS perk:**

New members signing up for a FIVE Year ULTIMATE within 24 hours of being on the SkyMed GO TO MEETING presentation will receive a SIX month additional bonus. **[Note: you can now also get the free six months by phoning Jeff directly. Once you sign up for the 5-year Ultimate membership through Jeff, you get six months free. Limited time offer ends soon. Call today -- number below.]**

### **The EXTRA Bonus perk:**

Attention new and existing members: If you refer a non member to this upcoming call or future calls you as the member will receive an additional SIX month bonus if your referral purchases a five year plan.

Space is limited -- contact your representative to confirm your meeting today:

SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger

508-747-8281

[www.skymed.com/JMB](http://www.skymed.com/JMB)

[jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com)

Please use the above email address or phone number to contact Jeff directly and reserve your spot in this coming Wednesday's WEBINAR. Email replies to [jeff1620@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff1620@jmbcommunications.com) MAY NOT BE SEEN. Thank you.

Important: If you buy now and won't be traveling for three months or more, the 90-day exclusion of coverage on pre-existing conditions will finish once you travel -- a truly big deal. You also get a 30-day free look on SkyMed memberships. Reserve your spot in the 5/6 webinar TODAY and pick up that unique SkyMed peace-of-mind.

## 22. First Responders Now Get Platinum-Status JMB Discounts

*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.*

**And now we're adding police, firefighters, EMTs, and nurses to our just-renamed Military / First Responder Memberships in recognition of their sacrifices for the rest of us every single day.** We just need you to send us documentary proof (ID) that you're one of America's very best. To sign up or upgrade your JMB membership to Military / First Responders, visit [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com) and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership (the page still says Military). We'll also need a DD214 (or other police / fire / nursing ID) with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you all to our new best-of-all JMB Website Supporters Platinum Memberships.

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## 23. Get a Little Bit of SXM in Your Home, Now

[This](#) is our all-new copyrighted purple sand chair SXM Euro Oval. Big shipment just arrived in our Plymouth offices. You can now order them -- they're the successor to our former green "twin palms" SXM Euro Oval.

Price, \$7 each or **THREE for \$15** (multiple orders of three welcome). Pay by PayPal payable to [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) or by check payable to JMB Communications, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812 USA. INCLUDE YOUR NAME, SHIP-TO ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER IN YOUR ORDER. All checks MUST be US dollar checks drawn on US banks. Shipped ONLY to USA & Canada addresses, Put it on your car, on mirrors at home, on smooth-sided luggage, over your husband's mouth (just kidding), etc. Fun item for everyone who loves SXM like YOU do! =====PHONE ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE TOO! 508-747-8281, 8am - 8pm EDT daily. Secure line, please leave all required info.

The link at the beginning of this story takes you to our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If you have not yet joined, do so now; it's a community of SXM fans like you.

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## 24. SkyMed Q&A / FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

### **SkyMed® FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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#### **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](http://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.

**SkyMed World Headquarters business office operations:**

*We are following the White House Coronavirus Task Force '15 Days to Slow the Spread' guidelines released March 16th, 2020.*

*We have team members fully functional and working from home. We are all connected on line and have access to all programs necessary for efficient operations. We have a seamless business operation whether employees are working in the office or from home.*

**We are on duty 24 SEVEN for our members.**

*SkyMed Travel reservation # 1-800-568-8994 is open during regular business hours 8am to 5pm (MST). Messages can be left off hours.*

**Resources to help you:**

Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)

Canadian government updates [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

US State Department emergency assistance [coronavirusemergencyUSC@state.gov](mailto:coronavirusemergencyUSC@state.gov)

World Health Organization (WHO) [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

SkyMed Travel reservations [www.skymedtravel.com](http://www.skymedtravel.com) or email [info@skymedtravel.com](mailto:info@skymedtravel.com)

SkyMed Member Services **1-480-946-5188** or **1-800-475-9633** or [memberservices@skymed.com](mailto:memberservices@skymed.com)

*Please do not hesitate to call or email us with your questions or concerns. We are here to help as much as we can.  
Regular member services are being conducted everyday.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the SkyMed Member family wherever you are in this time of uncertainty.*

*Eleanore Klein, President*

*SkyMed Group of Companies*

From JMB:

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mysxm) or you can email him at [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto: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](mailto:support@jmbcommunications.com)

## 25. Restaurant of the Week:

We will resume this weekly feature when the resumption of tourist flights to SXM has been announced, which hopefully will happen very soon.

### Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**White Swan Chinese Restaurant** (featured 3/16/20) SXM's very best, delicious, authentic food, attentive service, generous portions, and reasonable prices. We loved it...

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 3/9/20). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.izirestaurant.com](http://www.izirestaurant.com) (featured 3/2/20). Open for lunch and dinner except Mon., when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**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](http://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](http://www.isolaristorante.com)

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

**Mario Bistro** [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.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](http://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.

**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.

**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](http://www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant) 4/15/19. Just go....

**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'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](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.

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## 26. 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.

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## 27. 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).

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**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](http://skymed.com/jmb). SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

## See the rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits

### 28. Are You Military, First Responder, or Nurse?

*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.*

**And now we're adding police, firefighters, EMTs, and nurses to our just-renamed Military / First Responder Memberships in recognition of their sacrifices for the rest of us every single day.** We just need you to send us documentary proof (ID) that you're one of America's very best. To sign up or upgrade your JMB membership to Military / First Responders, visit [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com) and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership (the page still says Military). We'll also need a DD214 (or other police / fire / nursing ID) with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you all to our new best-of-all JMB Website Supporters Platinum Memberships.

### 29. 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](http://www.skymed.com/jmb), our new site, going live shortly.

### 30. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 4/27/20)

#### **AMUSEMENTS**

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

#### **BOAT TOURS**

**Celine Charters (Enigma)**

#### **BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES**

**SXM Beer Brewery**

**Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery**

## **CAR RENTALS:**

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

[Sax Car Rental](#)

[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#)

**Exclusive Car Rental**

## **CUBAN CIGARS:**

[Cigar Mack](#)

[SXM Cigars](#)

## **DOLLAR STORES**

[All in One Place](#)

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:**

[SkyMed International](#) (Covers the entire USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global protection available. Sold only to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats living in these countries.)

## **JEWELERS:**

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

[Caribbean Gems](#)

[Majesty Jewelers](#)

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

[JN Jewelers \(Maho under Jax, open late\)](#) NEW!

Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

[Shoppers Haven](#)

## **PARFUMERIE / PERFUME**

**Tijon Parfumerie**, Grand Case, [www.tijon.com](http://www.tijon.com)

## **REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:** (See also VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES, below)

[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**

**[IZI](#)**

**[SPIGA](#)**

**[VESNA TAVERNA](#)**

**ISOLA**

**Frenchy Ludo's**

**SNOOPY'S**

**Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)**

**Melange (Port de Plaisance)**

**Pelican Bistro**

**Soggy Dollar Bar**

**Sale and Pepe**

**Topper's Restaurant**

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

**[GoBeach Vacations](#)**

**[Sunshine Properties](#)**

**[Monte Verde / Belle Vue](#) (new)**

**[Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies](#)**

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Messenger.

Tourism will soon return and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases beyond the shutdown. Contact us today for more information.

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## **St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):**

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

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### **Want to rent or buy a week?**

**\*2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale\* are posted at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.**

## **SECTION 5: For Members Only**

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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.

C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret). Your username and password are required.

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

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