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**SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:**

**RENTAL** 12/18/2021 12/25/2021 Week 51 **Royal Palm Beach Resort - Simpson Bay 3 Bedroom completely renovated resort on the beach. This rare unit has 3 bedroom/3 Bathrooms with two balconies. This unit is at the end, closest to water and bridge. Watch all of the mega yachts come and go through the channel. Great location with restaurants/bars and shopping within very close proximity. Free onsite parking and gym. On-site**

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See them all at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml)

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

**SALE** 2/12/2022 2/18/2023 Week 7 **Diamond Flamingo Beach Resort** Completely renovated deluxe studio with one bath, full kitchen, 1st floor beach front ocean facing suite. Has T.V., free Wi-Fi, safe. Resort has beautiful pool and is within walking distance to grocery store, casino, and great restaurants. Prime school vacation week. \$12,000 Mary Jane 978-369-9305 [maryjtn@gmail.com](mailto:maryjtn@gmail.com)

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**THIS WEEK'S STORIES:**

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**GETTING HERE:**

**LEAD STORY: First 2022 Hurricane Season Predictions Issued by Colorado State University**

In its initial very preliminary release concerning expectations for the 2022 hurricane season, Colorado State University says there is a 40% chance of yet another above-normal season. There were no specifics about what / where, only the following key information in CSU's lead to their story:

Their assumptions (**boldface** indicates highest likelihood):



"1. AMO is very strong in 2022 and no El Niño occurs (resulting in a seasonal average Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) activity of ~ 170) – 25% chance.

**2. AMO is above average and no El Niño occurs (ACE ~ 130) – 40% chance.** Details below.

3. AMO is above average and El Niño develops (ACE ~ 80) – 15% chance.

4. AMO is below average and no El Niño occurs (ACE ~ 80) – 10% chance.

5. AMO is below average and El Niño develops (ACE ~ 50) – 10% chance.

Typically, seasons with the above-listed ACE values have tropical cyclone activity as follows:

170 ACE – 15-18 named storms, 9-11 hurricanes, 4-5 major hurricanes

**130 ACE – 13-16 named storms, 6-8 hurricanes, 2-3 major hurricanes**

80 ACE – 9-12 named storms, 3-5 hurricanes, 1-2 major hurricanes

As of now, "130 ACE" seems the most likely scenario, Colorado State says. As other forecasts are issued, we will publish them here and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and also in our new [Everything SXM MeWe Group](#).

## 1. At Some US Airports, "5G" May Delay Some Inbound Flights

Although 5G telephone service is a big deal for cell phone users, it can be a headache for aircraft since signals from towers can affect altimeter readings aboard aircraft unless approved filtration technology screens out spurious signals from cell towers. The effect could be that some planes may not be able to land in bad weather conditions, causing flight delays, this story says: here is [the full story](#).

## 2. Port St. Maarten Gets DOUBLE The Number of Cruise Passengers It Expected for November; Four Ships Homeporting in SXM

[Source: Port St. Maarten]

*The month of November closed off as being one of the busiest since business returned to Port St. Maarten after the no-sail order was lifted for the cruise industry in connection with the pandemic. The month of December is expected even to be busier for cruise tourism at the Dr. A.C. Wathey Cruise & Cargo Facility. The port handled 75,572 cruise passengers for the month of November.*

*Happening this weekend, four vessels of varying passenger capacities, a first for Port St. Maarten of this magnitude, will be carrying out homeporting operations. These vessels are Star Flyer, Wind Surf, Seabourn Odyssey on Saturday and MSC Seaview on Sunday.*

*Cruise tourism resumed six-months ago in the Americas when Celebrity Millennium started homeporting operations on June 5 out of Port St. Maarten.*

*Port St. Maarten Group (PSG) projected for 2021 after the resumption of cruising that the destination would receive approximately 100,000 cruise passengers between June and December. Port St. Maarten expects to receive approximately 200,000 cruise passengers for this period based on current forecast numbers thereby doubling the amount.*

*"Cruise developments have been moving on an upward trend when looking at vessel arrival numbers and vessel occupancy at almost 65 per cent," Alexander Gumbs, PSG Chief Executive Officer (CEO) said.*

*Gumbs added with the increase in cruise traffic, there has also been an up-tick container provisioning for cruise vessels which is also a very positive development for the cargo section at the port.*

*"We are collectively looking at a local cruise sector rebounding after 21-months. For the 2021-2022 cruise season, we expect our numbers will increase as more people start to take cruises as travelers become more comfortable with stability in the cruise market. There is a lot as a destination to be grateful for, however, we must continue to abide by the public health and safety measures that are in place to protect us against COVID-19.*

*"Let us continue to maintain high service level standards and provide our guests with memorable destination experiences as we move into the holiday season and as we welcome more than 2000+ homeporting guests over the weekend," Gumbs stated.*

*Star Clippers Star Flyer four-masted sailing ship with sixteen sails is 379 feet long and carries 166 guests. It is one of three sailing vessels that Star Clippers has in its fleet. Star Clippers was founded in 1989 and operates out of Florida.*

*The luxury line offers cruise itineraries of three to 14 nights that include sailings through different parts of the world including the Caribbean.*

*MSC Seaview of MSC Cruises has a gross tonnage of 153,516 and is 1,060 feet long; can carry up to 5,079 passengers and 1,413 crew. The homeporting facilities at Port St. Maarten can accommodate and handle small and larger cruise vessels.*

*Seabourn Odyssey has 229 suites and is 650 feet long and can carry 458 guests and is considered a small cruise ship. The vessel joined the Seabourn fleet in 2009. Seabourn is considered a pioneer of small-ship ultra-luxury cruising.*

*Wind Surf is a sailing ship that belongs to Windstar Cruises. The 535 feet vessel has five masts and seven triangular, self-furling computer-operated sails that pushes the 14,745 gross registered ton ship across the Caribbean Sea allowing 342 guests to make memorable and magical experiences.*

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### 3. Entry: It's Not Complicated

Getting into SXM has evolved from a fairly complex odyssey to a rather simple one, under which you get tested if you are not fully vaccinated. No testing is necessary for fully vaccinated individuals. Everyone must apply for preapproval for entering the island through the EHAS website. We explain all this clearly and simply in our **Guide to Entry Requirements**; see next article.

The process is quick and simple, especially since testing is widely available across the US. The Guide also tells you what kinds of tests are acceptable and what kinds aren't, among a significant number of other important points.

See next story.

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### 4. Our "Guide to Entry Requirements" Answers All Your SXM Travel Questions (JUST UPDATED)

Our completely new Guide to Entry Requirements — all new and completely different from the first edition — simplifies SXM Entry Requirements to make it easier for our readers to understand exactly what the island is looking for and to successfully navigate the electronic health authorization system EHAS website, through which visitors to SXM apply for the required preapproval.

To download the new second edition of our Guide to Entry Requirements, *which is free*, go to the files area of our **Everything SXM Facebook Group**; you can get there [through this link](#) if you are a Facebook member. Otherwise, Facebook will prompt you to join, which is free. To join our group, answer the simple vetting questions. Once you go to the files area, search for Entry and you'll be able to download the PDF of our new second edition Guide to Entry Requirements -- or just [go here](#).

*We always urge everyone to download the **Guide to Entry Requirements** directly from our files area, since that area enables you to ensure that you are downloading the latest available version. We do expect the Dutch side government to make more changes as the Covid Pandemic hopefully continues to wane. It was updated again recently, and will continue to be updated as necessary.*

#### **WEATHER:**

### 5. 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).

Here are four more sources of current weather info:

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.*

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for your SXM Weekly News subscription  
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**Etc.**

## **6. SkyMed TRAVEL Guarantees 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 15% 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***

## **7. Urge For Longer Vacations Propels Surging Condo Sales**

Many people have been introduced to SXM through either the purchase of timeshare weeks in the aftermarket or

directly from resorts — or by renting SXM timeshares from our listings of hundreds on our main site, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

Many timeshare owners gradually increase the number of weeks they own to stay longer. In fact, an unscientific poll we conducted late last week in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) showed that most of the readers of our site who responded to the poll stay at least four weeks or more. We think that's a statistically significant indication of where many condo buyers come from.

Full share condo sales here in SXM continue to surge. We suspect many buyers simply desire to spend more time here than their limited timeshare weeks allow. We list many sources of SXM villas, condominiums, and more in the Sponsors story later in this edition of *SXM Weekly News*.

Longer SXM vacations offer many advantages over staying back in the US or Canada, which is where most buyers come from. In SXM, there is no shoveling, unless you buy a villa and decide to do gardening. There is no ice here except in your drinks. And of course, if the temperature dips to 74° at night, people think it's chilly and start wearing shawls or even sweaters. *You* can be one of those people. More articles about condominium purchases are in this issue, below.

**Who To See:** See the Realtors in our Sponsors list below; they are the most qualified to help you learn more about and acquire a condo on SXM that meets your specific needs. Also see the story below about BrightPath Caribbean: they can help enormously with required residency paperwork, starting a business, and much more. They know what they're doing.

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## 8. Two Side-by-Side Two Bedroom Condos at Rainbow For Private Sale by Owner

This is a very rare find that may just resonate with close friends or extended family members that want to relocate or at least buy a condo or two here in SXM.

**TWO SIDE-BY-SIDE 2BR 2BATH CONDOS FOR SALE IN CUPECOY-** Two side-by-side two-bedroom, two-bath 4th floor ocean-view condominiums are available from one owner at Rainbow Beach Club, Cupecoy. Private beach. They will be sold individually or together; if together, they can be combined by the buyer into one 4-bedroom condominium. Asking \$540K per 2 BR condo. Condos are similar; photos of one are in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). I don't own these; a friend does. Contact Jeff Berger via Messenger or WhatsApp, 721-588-4188 VIA TEXT ONLY IN EITHER APPLICATION. Include your name, phone number, email, time zone, and specify what you're interested in,

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## 9. Dozens More Timeshare Condo Rentals Added to Our Listings

Dozens of new listings of timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale during the rest of 2021 and 2022 have been added to our timeshare sales rental page in our main SXM site, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). If you're looking for a place to stay, that's where to find it. All of our listings are from members of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program so you deal directly with timeshare owners — there are no middleman or agents or anything else charging commissions. Usually, timeshare owners charge close to their actual annual maintenance fee costs.

Dozens of new entries were posted over the last few days.

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## 10. Buying a Condo in SXM: Important Procedural Help

A while ago, 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 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*.

## 11. 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 package of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at everythingxml.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.

### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 12. NEWS About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates - Updated Dec. 6, 2021

We are now working to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, car rentals, 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. *We hope to complete the upgrade during the first quarter of 2022.*

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

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

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## 13. IF YOU HAVE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SKYMED, NOW IS THE BEST TIME EVER TO ACT -- *Four Big Reasons:*

**\*\*\*First: Huge SkyMed Sale Must End 12/31.\*\*\***

**Second: Beat the January 1 SkyMed Price Increase Because...**

**SKYMED NEVER DOES SALES -- EXCEPT RIGHT NOW (first**

## price increase since 2013):

**Third: Get Up to 21 Free Weeks added to new, renewal, and upgrade SkyMed purchases (Ends 12/31)!**

**Fourth: Lock In Current Low Prices Forever When You Buy THIS MONTH (Current Pricing Offer Ends 12/31):**

### **WHAT IS SKYMED?**

SkyMed is a medical evacuation membership company. "SkyMed Takes You Home®" when you become seriously or critically ill or injured when traveling anywhere throughout the USA, Canada, all the nations of the Caribbean, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Bahamas. Global protection is also available. SkyMed members pay nothing for SkyMed-arranged medical evacuation flights that would cost non-SkyMed members \$35,000 and up – payable in cash, in advance. Why risk that? Of course, you must get your SkyMed membership before you need it – just like fire insurance. You'll find an overview of all **SkyMed Services** [here](#), and you'll find **Frequently Asked Questions** [here](#).

### **LOW GROUP PRICING:**

All of the SkyMed memberships we sell go to either members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, to members of our various online SXM groups, or to readers of *SXM Weekly News*. The prices we charge for all multiyear Ultimate memberships are substantially less than the retail prices you will see online from SkyMed's website. *Call or email us (contact info below) for details on all of our major-league savings on SkyMed Ultimate multi-year membership prices.*

### **LIFETIME PRICE GUARANTEE:**

All existing SkyMed memberships and new SkyMed membership purchases of one-year or longer are now price-guaranteed for life. The price of your membership will not increase if you buy during this 2021 sale or if you already are a SkyMed owner of any annual or longer membership: this applies as long as your renewals are paid on time.

### **FREE BONUS WEEKS (UP TO 21 WEEKS) FOR PURCHASES OF SKYMED'S MOST POPULAR MEMBERSHIPS (MUST END 12/31/21):**

- Buy a new 5-year Ultimate SkyMed membership OR UPGRADE TO ONE and **get an added 21 weeks of medevac protection at no added cost.** More on SkyMed memberships is on our site, [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb) or call us at 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER) for answers to any questions. Guaranteed renewable *as long as your renewals are paid on time.* Does not apply to monthly-payment 5-year Ultimates.
- Buy a new 3-year Ultimate SkyMed membership OR UPGRADE TO ONE and **get an added 12 weeks of medevac protection at no added cost.** More on SkyMed memberships is on our site, [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb) or call us at 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER) for answers to any questions. Guaranteed renewable *as long as your renewals are paid on time.*
- Buy a new annual (one-year guaranteed renewable *as long as your renewals are paid on time*) SkyMed membership and **get an added 21 free days of medevac protection at no added cost.**

### **REWARDS FOR REFERRALS FROM SKYMED MEMBERS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS:**

- **21 Free Weeks** added to your SkyMed membership when you refer someone who buys a 5-year Ultimate.
  - **12 Free Weeks** added to your SkyMed membership when you refer someone who buys a 3-year Ultimate.
  - **21 Free Days** added to your SkyMed membership when you refer someone who buys an annual SkyMed membership.
- **HOW TO CONTACT US: Phone us ANYTIME at 508-591-3483 (new number, where you can also text us) for answers to questions or to sign up. When you call us directly, we get credit for the sale. You can also email us directly through SkyMed at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com).**

My SkyMed website: <http://www.skymed.com/jmb>. **But please call me directly with questions or to sign up.**

### **When and Where SkyMed Protects You:**

Basic SkyMed short-term and annual memberships protect you throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. In that SkyMed universe, SkyMed Takes You Home® when

you become critically ill or injured. Optional protection covering most of the rest of the world is provided by GETS, Global Emergency Transportation Services, a SkyMed company.

- **Key Differences Between SkyMed Short-Term & Annual Memberships:**

Many people who buy SkyMed memberships first request short-term protection. Is that the best solution for most people? That's a decision you have to make, but before you do, here's some important info. **First, short-term memberships** are available only for a specific defined short term. They protect you with SkyMed *Takes You Home*® membership that applies throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Short-term protection cannot be upgraded or renewed since you buy it for specific trip; it's temporary protection. There is no waiting period for any benefits. When you want protection for a future trip, you must make a separate application for it. It is economical if you seldom travel and if you take brief trips. The cost is \$9/day per person, or a maximum of \$15 a day per family (parents and kids 21 or younger). **We always tell people who are 50 or over about the most important advantages of SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships. The single most important benefit is that SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable, regardless of advancing age or declining health.** Details are in SkyMed's Member Services Agreement. We currently have members who are still traveling and are in their upper 80s and 90s. *The cost of annual memberships per family — far more economical than the \$15/day per family for short-term coverage -- is currently only about \$1.35/day total.* Multiyear memberships are even less expensive and have more features; contact me for full information about features of each type of SkyMed membership. **Ultimate memberships protect you worldwide.** I can answer all your questions by phone in minutes, and can also take your application by phone (that way I get credit). Phone anytime at 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER). That's a direct line to Jeff Berger.

- [SkyMed Frequently Asked Questions / FAQ](#)

Feel free to contact me via Facebook Messenger as well or now WhatsApp, 721-588-4188 (through WhatsApp ONLY), or use our new office line, 508-591-3483. Or email me at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) (SkyMed inquiries only please). You can also send texts to that 508 line and leave voice messages. Please include your phone number, time zone, callback number, and email address.

--Jeff Berger  
12/13/21

## 14. TWO MORE HUGE DECEMBER BARGAINS FROM SKYMED FOR BOTH BUSINESSES & FAMILIES (YOURS AND YOUR KIDS)

**For FAMILIES:** Buy SkyMed for your grown children and their families -- get global coverage at bargain prices for your own family and for them at prices that will be gone forever 12/31 (but that you lock in forever buy before 12/31/21).

**For BUSINESSES:** Get "Key Person" memberships for all your top employees (and their families); global coverage is available.

Feel free to contact me via Facebook Messenger as well or now WhatsApp, 721-588-4188 (through WhatsApp ONLY), or use our new office line, 508-591-3483. Or email me at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) (SkyMed inquiries only please). You can also send texts to that 508 line and leave voice messages. Please include your phone number, time zone, callback number, and email address.

--Jeff Berger  
12/13/21

## 15. Black Friday Sale Continues for our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program:

**Join or Renew Your Membership in Our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program Today; Great Last-Chance Sale Prices & You'll Beat The Coming Price Increase!**

**Our biggest sale of the year -- now better than ever since it precedes a price increase on multiyear memberships coming in January -- is now underway. It offers pricing that will not be back... take advantage of these great BLACK FRIDAY OFFERS before they disappear, soon!**

## **What's In It For You:**

**All multiyear memberships bought starting 11/21/21 receive one full year of membership in addition to what's stated on the site. Want two full years? Our LONGEST DURATION multiyear membership offers TWO FULL YEARS EXTRA, on us, through the end of the sale (date to be announced). BUY NOW, THIS SALE WON'T LAST FOREVER and can end any time. And because of the looming price increase, these values will soon be gone forever....**

**To sign up, please visit our main site, everythingxsm.com, and click the page curl at the top of the home page. That takes you to where you can join, helping us continue to produce SXM Weekly News ... continue to organize and deliver our complete Weather Center / Hurricane Center on our main site, everythingxsm.com ... and continue to expand our JMB Website Supporters benefits significantly in efforts already underway.**

**Please don't put it off... we do ask you to join (or renew, if you're already a JMB member) today. Thank you.... Please allow several days for processing your new membership or renewal / reinstatement.**

**.....Here's More Island News.....**

## **16. French Side Update**

Everything is calm now on the French side. The "collective of collectives" which is what the principals of the organizations that have been protesting about a variety of government policies call themselves have been talking with the Préfet, who is the official from the French state who oversees the French side collectivite. A story from the *Daily Herald* explores the progress that has been made recently in these negotiations; we link to that story below..

As a result of this and other signs of progress, everything is pretty much normal throughout the French side of the island. Tourists are in Grand Case and Marigot during the day and are visiting Orient beach as always. Grand Case restaurants are fairly busy. Travel through French quarter is unimpeded, though we still recommend that tourists avoid traveling through the Sandy Ground area in either direction at any time; some are doing it anyway but we do not recommend that.

We will continue to publish updates on what's happening on the French side as needed in both our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and in our [Everything SXM MeWe Group](#).

More is [here](#) from the SXM *Daily Herald*.

## **17. Colorado State Predicts Another Above Average Hurricane Season in 2022**

If you missed it, see the lead story before story #1, above; it has complete information on what the hurricane experts at Colorado State are predicting.

## **18. GEBE Strikes Again; Whole Dutch Side in Darkness for 2.5 Hours**

Except for the many restaurants that had generators and turned them on to deliver service as usual to GEBE-weary SXM residents and tourists, the island has endured another bewildering power outage by electricity and water company GEBE. This one started Thursday at about 5:30 PM and was over at about 8 PM and put the entire Dutch side in darkness. The airport was fine because of its own power generation capabilities as were businesses and private homes as well as hotels and timeshares that had emergency generator power.

We have seen no report indicating why this latest blackout happened.



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## 19. Minor Quake Causes No Damage

A couple of minor earthquakes have shaken the local area slightly in the last several days — so slightly that many people never noticed them. Neither caused damage or injury, and there were no tsunamis. Minor quakes like this happen a few times a year in this area.

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## 20. Five-Vacation Giveaway Begins; How to Enter "Eight Million Thanks"

EverythingSXM.com will be celebrating 8 million visits to its suite of SXM websites by giving away five SXM vacations late this coming March.

The vacations will be at Villa En'Sea high on a hill overlooking downtown Philipsburg; at the Colony Manor Golden Daze Guest Cottage on Simpson Bay beach; plus additional vacations at Simpson Bay Resort, Belair Beach Hotel, and Divi Little Bay Beach Resort, three of SXM's finest timeshare resorts.

In addition, there will be a car rental from Leisure Car Rental for the grand prize winner, and several dinners for two at top island restaurants to be spread among the grand and first prize winners.

Next week, we will publish the full list of prizes here in *SXM Weekly News* and we will open entries, giving you a link that is available exclusively to subscribers to *SXM Weekly News* (Subscriptions are free but required to win any prize in this giveaway; subscribe at [sxmweeklynews.com](http://sxmweeklynews.com)).

At least five people will win vacations — if you're a direct subscriber & enter, one of those winners may well be you.

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## 21. Front Street Parking Banned; Vehicles Banned from "Boardwalk Boulevard"

Although parking in Philipsburg has long been a challenge, we make it much easier by providing our members with detailed information on where you can park to visit destinations on Front Street or Backstreet. In this issue, that information is in story #23.

During the last couple of years, some Front Street merchants have tried to help some of their customers get to their stores by parking on the sidewalk or in the street directly in front of their establishments, despite the fact that legally no parking was allowed there. To stop that practice, SXM has now banned all parking on Front Street and has also restarted the practice of blocking off most of Front Street when several cruise ships are in town, creating what then becomes a pedestrian mall for visitors.

In addition, some people wishing to go to Great Bay beach or visit businesses on the boardwalk have driven their cars onto the boardwalk, (formally the "Great Bay Beach Promenade") which was always envisioned as a pedestrian walkway unavailable to any motor vehicles except emergency vehicles. That practice has now also been banned, which means SXM will now deliver a much better pedestrian experience both on Front Street and on the boardwalk.

Related stories follow.

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## 22. Front Street Philipsburg Repaving Project Begins: Go Anyway

Early steps toward the complete rehabilitation and repaving of Front Street have begun. People associated with that project have now marked off portions of the road where depressions have formed, although the entire road has not yet been fully marked. These appear to be the areas that need the most serious, immediate attention.

We will keep visiting Front Street every couple of days to check on the status of the repair and repaving operation. Despite the fact that this is underway, we urge readers not to avoid Philipsburg while the project is underway. Philipsburg offers a spectrum of extraordinary bargains in jewelry, electronics, cameras, souvenirs, and more it is the

heart of retailing for the entire island, though designer fashions and other couture items are found in downtown Marigot.

Please see the related article on parking below.

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## 23. Parking in Downtown Philipsburg

**From Rakhee Sakhrani, Royal Jewelers, Philipsburg:**

Visiting Philipsburg but don't know where to park or there are no spaces available? Take a look at the map for road markings/names posted by Rakhee in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). [Use the Search feature in the group to find her posts; the maps are there.] .

I added a few pictures for easy & convenient visuals of the parking spots! There are free & paid areas. It's approximately a 5-7 min walk to front street from these spots!

**Free Parking:** The Pondfill: Unmarked spots: As you drive into town, you can pull into a spot, it's usually unpaved/dirt/rock area.

**Marked free parking spots:** There are designated free parking lots on the Pondfill. These are usually full by 11am. If you are an early bird great, otherwise you may have to wait 'til a car pulls out.

New Government bldg free lot: Another free lot, but it's a decent walk to front street. Take the turn by the center roundabout and head toward the white/yellow/green(roof) building.

**Paid parking:** Center of town: The parking lots is literally in the center of town by the WIB Bank/KFC. This fills up very quickly.

**Old Library:** This is a new area for paid parking. Very convenient. It is \$2.00 an hour. Easy walk to front street.

**Bobby's Marina:** This is a little farther down Philipsburg, however it is a great place to park. It's near the grocery store Fairway. Once parked, there is a pathway accessible to the boardwalk via Greenhouse restaurant. Takes you straight to front street. It is a nice scenic walk.

We hope this helps! Don't forget to visit us after you park. Royal Jewelers 44A Front Street (Across from Horizon view hotel)

*Thanks Rakhee Sakhrani for this information!*

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## 24. Award-Winning Simpson Bay Restaurant For Sale

**VERY WELL KNOWN, AWARD-WINNING SIMPSON BAY RESTAURANT FOR SALE.** Prime location with on-site parking; all-new kitchen; experienced staff. 100 seats -- indoors and outdoors. Great 6-year lease; motivated owner. TURNKEY OPERATION; SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY. For information send your name, address, email address, qualifications for buying, and phone number VIA WHATSAPP TEXT ONLY to Jeff Berger; WhatsApp 721-588-4188, or Facebook Messenger. Jeff will pass the information to the owner. WHATSAPP TEXT INQUIRIES ONLY PLEASE. Asking 595K..

**Note from Jeff:** I have no involvement in this transaction; am just gathering inquiries for the owner, a long-time friend.

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## 25. Where to Have Lobster in SXM

Around SXM, spiny Caribbean lobsters are plentiful. They're caught off Saba, off Anguilla, and even off SXM. Most restaurants carry spiny lobsters, usually cooked in a variety of ways.

Often during high season, you will find a conga line of lobster thermidor dishes coming out of the relatively small kitchen at Pineapple Pete headed for hungry customers. Up the street just a few doors away at the Carousel, Toppers Restaurant also sells a variety of lobster dishes daily. Further up the street, you'll find Astra Steak & Seafood Restaurant on the lagoon. Behind the restaurant is the Caribbean's largest open lobster pool — well lit so you can see the lobsters and pick which one you want.

For an Italian flavor, you can't go wrong at Izi Ristorante Italiano, just across the street from Pineapple Pete in Simpson

Bay; his lobster and puff Pastry is excellent. In the middle of Simpson Bay Resort, you'll find Isola which offers one of the best lobster salads you'll find.

Take a short hop north to Cupecoy beach and you'll find Dany's Smooth Beach Bar. Give him advance notice, and he'll prepare a delicious lobster for you right on the beach.

We'll be talking more about this delicious subject through high season.

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## 26. How to Adopt an Island Dog ("Coconut Retriever")

Have you ever thought how wonderful it would be to adopt a dog or cat from SXM? "Rescue" animals come in many breeds and sizes and all they need is a new forever home — perhaps with you.

If you think it's prohibitively expensive to adopt a rescue dog from SXM, we have a pretty wonderful surprise for you: it's way less expensive than you may think.

For example pups from SXM Paws can be had for ROUGHLY a \$150 adoption fee, and a flight fee of \$125 with Jet Blue (American Airlines is about the same). Kittens from The Island Vet are \$90 and flights same cost as above. That's very affordable.

Watch for posts about available animals in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Or, if you'd like to do it now, contact Cyndi Shell in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#); she coordinates adoptions with many people directly from our site.

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## 27. Restaurant of the Week - Avantika

One of our long-time favorite SXM restaurants is Avantika Thai, in the Puerto del Sol building, Simpson Bay, Dutch side, above Movida and across the hall from Medcare and BrightPath Caribbean. Order your favorites from their extensive menu, grab a pair of chopsticks (or fork/spoon), and you'll be set to go. Like spice? They'll take great care of you. Hate spice? No worries. From appetizers to desserts, they have a spectrum of offerings that will please even the most discriminating palate.

We love Avantika and visit it several times on each island trip. Open-air and inside dining are both available. Go, and tell Anish or any member of his staff that we sent you. You'll be back...great dining and a very talented, experienced staff, plus a beautiful new larger bar and lounge area,

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 12/13/21) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai. Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by knowledgeable service. Go...you'll become a regular.

**Emilio's**: outside Philipsburg (featured 12/6/21) offers extraordinary fine dining in an historic, classic ambiance. **Not to be missed.** <https://emilios-sxm.com/menus/dinner-menu/>

**Jai's Contemporary Indian Cuisine** (featured 11/29/21), **Simpson Bay** Leave your preconceptions behind! A 15-second walk to the side of the building from Republic Bank.. Outstanding dinners (and soon lunches a few days weekly) in Jai's, a fun new contemporary fusion restaurant operated by two young SXM graduates of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Super creative, artfully presented, phenomenally executed selections spanning a spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and tastes. You gotta try Jai's! Highest recommendation.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.izirestaurant.com](http://www.izirestaurant.com) (featured 11/22/21). Open for dinner starting at 5pm except Mon., when they're closed. Fantastic food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**Astra Steak & Seafood** (featured 11/15/21) is the newest creation of Anish Chugani, who also operates Avantika and Movida in the same area of Simpson Bay. It's new, beautiful, and has high-quality written all over it. We just went and loved it. See <https://www.astrasxm.com/>

**Mario's Bistro at the Cliff**, formerly Mario's Bistro [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 5/24/21 Mario's is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have -- here in SXM or anywhere else. Go. Phenomenal dining at very reasonable prices. Formerly on the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach, they are now at the Cliff. Open every day but Monday, they serve both lunch and dinner six days a week. Traditional and highly creative Continental dinners, with Tapas and other selections at lunch. Do not miss it. Reservations essential. They do not use an answering machine, so call when they are open and let it ring.

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 10/25/21). Italian. Excellent food, many choices (pizza too), busy, good specials. Lively; busy; entertainment some nights. 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)

**Topper's** <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 10/11/21) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, now in a beautiful new over-water setting at the Carousel building on Simpson Bay lagoon. Lunch, dinner, and late dining.

Karaoke. Co-located with Toppers Rhum Distillery so have some rum (rhum is the French spelling) and rum cake when you dine. Open until late night. Sports on TV. From cops to billionaires, everyone loves Toppers.

**Mandarin Pan Asian** at Port de Plaisance Resort off the Union Road, Cole Bay, (featured 9/27/21). Excellent selection of palate-pleasing offerings from Japan, Thailand, and China. Highly recommended.

**La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort** (featured 9/13/21) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

**La Rosa Restaurant**, Maho Plaza, 9/7/210: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. [www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html](http://www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html)

**Pineapple Pete**, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 8/30/21) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids & their parents.

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (8/30/21)** now combined with Pineapple Pete at the Pineapple Pete location, opposite IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay.

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnasxm.com](http://www.vesnasxm.com) (featured 8/16/21). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

**Blue Bitch Bar** [www.bluebitchbar.com](http://www.bluebitchbar.com), formerly Taloula Mango's Blue Bitch Bar, is THE bar/restaurant to visit on the Boardwalk in Philipsbuirg. (featured 8/9/21) Great open-air atmosphere, outdoor dining/drinking, entertainment. Their menu is extensive with excellent food, fun atmosphere, and beautiful ocean views. Located on the beach, at the Boardwalk....

**Mama Pizza**, Porto Cupecoy & Oyster Pond, (featured 8/2/21) Big, outstanding pizza, and sizable portions plus reasonable prices on numerous other delicious Italian specialties. They also have a number of fresh fish entrees you should not miss. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach, and on the main drag through Oyster Pond, French side. <https://www.facebook.com/Mamapizzaisthebest>

**Spiga**, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 7/12/21) Chef-co-owner Ciro Russo & Lara Russo haven't missed a beat here as Spiga has finally reopened. Incredibly irresistible food, great staff, service, and beautiful ambiance. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Absolutely not to be missed.

**Pure Ocean Restaurant** at Divi Little Bay Resort, Dutch side (featured 3/1/21) Fine new beachside restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and fine dining dinners. Excellent choices for everyone, innovative menu, beautiful presentation, and downright delicious. Great #Caribbean ambiance on their open-air beachside deck. Attentive service and responsive staff.

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

**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, lol-o-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

**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.

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

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

## 28. Important Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters & SkyMed Sales Inquiries

### Updated Contact Information for Everything SXM / JMB Communications / JMB Website Supporters Membership Services and SkyMed Sales:

Because of volume, email is not the best way to reach us. Here's what's best: First, a Suggestion: **Get the free WhatsApp app**. It lets you make free phone calls (including video calls) worldwide and send free texts, all for zero cost. It is very widely used around the world.

1. **SkyMed – Answers to Questions or to Sign Up by Phone**: If you're interested in learning more about SkyMed, contact Jeff Berger at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). Leave your phone number and time zone and he'll return your call. SkyMed is sold only to Americans, Canadians, and xPats. **If you prefer, phone Jeff at 508-591-3483 and leave a message; that is a NEW NUMBER.** (Our old numbers were knocked out by the recent Cape Cod storm and are still funky.)
2. **JMB Membership Questions/Issues -- JMB Website Supporters**: Use WhatsApp to send questions to Membership Services; use Jeff Berger's WhatsApp phone number, 721-588-4188, **but call or TEXT (texting is preferred) from within the WhatsApp application only**. Membership Services at our headquarters in Massachusetts handles all these calls. **INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL**, since all responses are made by email.

## 29. Who Our Sponsors Are, & Why You Should Patronize Them (Updated 12/13/21)

Our JMB SXM Web Media Sponsors help make it possible for us to research, write, produce, and email you *SXM Weekly News* every week. They also enable us to spend lots of hours making sure our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) fulfills its mission to be SXM's only authentically managed [by a seasoned journalist] interactive conversational SXM news and information portal on Facebook. And their help makes our JMB Website Supporters members-only Island Parties possible (resuming next year) as well as all the working going into enhancing our Island Discount Program now for its thousands of loyal members. Thank You for patronizing our Sponsors! (JMB Communications is based in Massachusetts, USA).

### **AMUSEMENTS**

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

### **ARTISTS**

Roland Richardson  
Patty Meotti  
Laura Fisher Saxon

### **AUTHORS/NOVELISTS**

Russell Clark

Jacky Rom

### **BOAT TOURS / BOAT CHARTERS**

[Celine Charters](#) (Enigma)

Luxury Private Catamaran Charters:  
[www.sxmstmartincatamarancharters.net](http://www.sxmstmartincatamarancharters.net)

**Rumbelly Boat Charters** Pleasure boats, motorized and catamaran (new)

### **BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES**

SXM Beer Brewery

Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery

Caribbean Brewing

### **CAR RENTALS:**

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### **CHILD CARE & MORE FOR VISITORS**

Alisha Brookes

### **COFFEE / PASTRY & MORE (NEW):**

**Coffee Lounge & More:** Head of town in Philipsburg and Simpson Bay near Domino's

**CUBAN CIGARS:**

[Cigar Mack](#)

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**DOLLAR STORES**

[All in One Place](#)

**DUTY-FREE SHOPPING (NEW)**

**Great Deals on Watches, Bags, Wallets, Sunglasses and Fashion Jewelry:**

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:**

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**JEWELERS:**

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[Caribbean Gems](#)

Oro Diamante

[Majesty Jewelers](#)

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

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

Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

[Shoppers Haven](#)

Royal Jewelers (new)

Kay's Fine Jewelry (new)

Joe's Jewelry International (new)

Ballerina Jewelers (new)

**LIVE MUSIC**

Hole in the Wall, Maho Plaza, Dutch side

**MAPS** (SXM MAPS and others in the #Caribbean)

[Kasprowski Publishers](#)

**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*.

**Jennifer's Vacation Villas**

**Century 21 St. Maarten**

**Sunshine Properties**

**Candie Billant** does condo and villa rentals and sales. You will find her at **Caribbean Estate Agency N. V.**

**BrightPath Real Estate (new)**

**RESORTS:**

**Baker's Suites**

**Belair Beach Hotel**

**Simpson Bay Resort**

**Azure Hotel & Art Studio**

**RESTAURANTS & BARS**

**IZI**

**SPIGA**

**VESNA TAVERNA**

**ISOLA**

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

**Melange (Port de Plaisance)**

**Pelican Bistro**

**Soggy Dollar Bar**

**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**

**LA ROSA**

**NONNA ROSA**

**LAZY LIZARD**

**RANCHO (new)**

**SUNSET CAFE (new)**

**AVANTIKA (new)**

**MOVIDA (new)**

**ASTRA (new)**

**JAI'S CONTEMPORARY INDIAN RESTAURANT (new)**

**COFFEE LOUNGE & More**, Head of town in Philipsburg & Simpson bay near Domino's (new)

### **STAR WARS / YODA GUY MUSEUM**

[Nick Malley, Front Street](#)

### **VILLA RENTALS / 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*.

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[GoBeach Vacations](#)

[Sunshine Properties](#)

[Monte Verde / Belle Vue](#)

**Villa Acropole:**

[www.acropole-stmartin.com](http://www.acropole-stmartin.com)

**Villa Vijoux:**

<https://www.facebook.com/VillaVijoux>

**40Weeks (new)**

**Villa En'sea 5 bedroom Villa, overlooking Philipsburg bay (new)**

**Villa KIMON (NEW)**

### **Relocation / Business Formation / "Papers" Consulting Companies**

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

## Wedding Planners / Wedding Venues

[Fawnette Scott-Angelides - Azure Hotel and Art Studio](#) (Fawnette is a minister and she owns Azure, a venue on beautiful Simpson Bay Beach, where beach weddings are her specialty)

**Sint Maarten Marry-Me** Destination Weddings (new)

Updated 12/13/21

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## 30. Join Our New Conversational Everything SXM Group on MeWe, the Facebook Alternative

For years, you have been able to obtain a great deal of SXM information and photos/videos in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Unfortunately, not everyone is a fan of Facebook, so we have started a new Everything SXM group on a platform that has become a strong competitor Facebook — it is called MeWe.

We urge all fans of *SXM Weekly News* to become members of MeWe and join our group there; [here is the link](#).

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## 31. 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](#) 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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## 32. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Join our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and you'll find about 28,000 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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## 33. 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 just been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is usually added within a few days after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

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## 34. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic

SXM Weekly News, our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website and its Hurricane Center, and our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — along with our many Vacation Giveaways and hundreds of benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership — *are all made possible through our partnerships with our JMB Website Supporters members and our Sponsors.*

Our **JMB SXM Web Media Sponsorships** enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. (Our site is based in the U. S. and is focused on the needs of tourists traveling to SXM.) If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email [susank@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susank@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". Or PM us on FB for an even faster response. We'll get complete information to you quickly. (Or again, just PM Jeff Berger on Facebook Messenger or phone us / text us on WhatsApp at 721-588-4188.)

Tourism is returning in a big way 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 in the months ahead. 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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**Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated**

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

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

**\*2020 & 21 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 weekly. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from our JMB Website Supporters members only.

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

A. **Where to Get Member Info:** [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)

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

See [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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#### **Contact Us (Revised 11/22/21)**

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2. **JMB Membership Questions/Issues -- JMB Website Supporters:** Use WhatsApp to send questions to Membership Services; use Jeff Berger's WhatsApp phone number, 721-588-4188, **but call or TEXT (texting is preferred) from within the WhatsApp application only.** Membership Services at our headquarters in Massachusetts handles all these calls. **INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL**, since all responses are made by email.

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