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

**RENTAL** 2/26/2022 3/5/2022 Week 9 **Royal Palm beach resort 2 king bdrm 2 bath completely renovated end unit with living rm (has sleeper sofa), full kitchen, extra dining area & balcony overlooking Simpson Bay.**

**Restaurant on site & many within walking distance. Sleeps 6. This is Regatta week!! \$2300/wk. \$50 timeshare tax payable to resort upon checkout Sharon 203-258-2415 [skrasner7@gmail.com](mailto:skrasner7@gmail.com)**

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

**SALE** 3/12/2022 3/19/2022 11 **Royal Islander La Terrasse 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath unit, sleeps 6. Located on the fifth floor. Enjoy a panoramic view extending from beautiful Maho Bay to the hills leading to Philipsburg. Watch the planes land and take off from the comfort of your extra large balcony or, for a closer look, from the special viewing area alongside the runway, steps from the pool. It's just a short walk to Maho Beach, Sunset Beach Bar and Driftwood Boat Bar. Great restaurants and shops, casino, entertainment and grocery store steps away. Underground parking garage on site. Very well maintained property. Management and Staff are the best! Buyer pays transfer fee of \$285. \$8,000 Dotty 609-242-0782 [philip.damore@yahoo.com](mailto:philip.damore@yahoo.com)**

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

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Visit <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> , the \*secret\* site for JMB Website Supporters members only, for low fares to SXM from cities across the USA, Canada, and Western Europe, plus a growing list of 300+ additional major travel benefits.

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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GETTING HERE:

## 1. Delta Airlines Is Tops in Customer Service; American Airlines, Air Canada Near the Bottom

J D Power, the often-quoted consumer research/company ranking organization, says that Delta airlines offers the top rated customer service of all North American Airlines. Both Southwest air and JetBlue were close behind.

At the bottom of the list were both American Airlines and Air Canada. American was voted least favorite airline serving SXM by readers in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), a selection which has been borne out since with numerous complaints about that particular airline.

Here is the [full report](#).

## 2. What's the Story With Those Big Condor Airlines & Air Caraiibes Jets?

Over the last few weeks, large passenger airliners from both Air Caraiibes and Condor Airlines have visited the island late each week. Why? They're charters bringing passengers to MSC cruise ships home-ported in SXM.

Besides ship fueling and provisioning, home porting is putting money into the island economy. Many passengers arrive early or stay late and visit Philipsburg stores -- jewelers in particular, where SXM's reputation for excellence and great pricing entices them to shop. Jewelers are expressing happiness with the arrangement -- particularly on Front Street.

## 3. Two Air France Jets at SXM Airport: Here's The Story

If over the last couple of weeks you have seen two Air France Airbus A330 aircraft at SXM Airport, you may have assumed that one was a canceled flight and the other was on time or brought in spare parts. You'd be wrong on both counts.

The reality is that on Thursdays and sometimes on other days, one Air France flight arrives from Charles de Gaulle airport and another arrives about 20 minutes later from Orly, the two Paris airports. These are scheduled flights. .

The island is busy....

## 4. Looking Forward Toward the 2022 Hurricane Season (Repeat)

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](#).

## 5. Entry: It's Not Complicated

Getting into SXM has gone from a fairly complex business to a rather simple one, where you get tested if you are not fully vaccinated. No testing is necessary for fully vaccinated individuals. Then, either way, you apply for preapproval for entering the island via 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 remains widely available across the US despite Omicron. 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.

## 6. Our "Guide to Entry Requirements," Second Edition, 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 SXM's 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 evolves and hopefully wanes. It was updated again recently, and will continue to be updated as necessary.*

### WEATHER:

## 7. 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  
Quickly and Easily  
at our Site: [www.sxmweeklynews.com](http://www.sxmweeklynews.com)**

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**Etc.**

## **8. 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.*

You won't be disappointed.

**Not a SkyMed member?** Learn more about it at [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb), then call us with questions or to sign up. Call 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER) any weekday. Thanks..

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

## **9. 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 back a condo or two here in SXM.

Two side-by-side two bedroom condos at Rainbow on the buildings fourth floor are available now for private sale directly by their owners. They have been well maintained in the residents are happy with the location, but one is overseas in Europe most of the year and the other has bought a villa for his growing family.

These can be bought as separate villas or you can buy both, do a bit of construction, and wind up with a big four bedroom condominium. Here are the details:

**Asking \$540K per 2 BR condo. I don't own these; a friend does. PM me your name, phone number, email address, and your interest and I'll give the info to the owner for callback. I'm doing this as a favor for a long-time friend.**

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## **10. Once Again, 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 once again 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.

## 11. 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*.

## 12. 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 everythingshm.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

## 13. 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.

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\*\*\*\*\***LAST CALL!!!!!!!!!!**\*\*\*\*\*

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### **14. 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):**

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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):**

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  - **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  
12/20/21

**15. 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 buying before 12/31/21).

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## 16. 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 January 15 -- 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....**

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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::::::::::::**

## 17. One of the Busiest Weeks of The Year: What to Expect

Christmas week is one of the busiest weeks of the year on SXM. Many thousands of people wishing to spend a warm [Christmas in the Caribbean](#) flock to the island aboard packed aircraft (wearing masks, of course), aboard their own planes or chartered planes, and of course on megayachts (see separate story).

High numbers of tourists in hotels, timeshares, villas, guesthouses, and elsewhere, along with lots of Christmas shoppers are clogging the roads, sometimes aggravating traffic delays. Reservations at island restaurants are essential; there is a high likelihood that you'll be turned away without them.

When you see ads in local papers and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) for special Christmas dinners or New Year's Eve events, make reservations right away; room is finite and will close when capacity is reached.

*From our entire staff here at JMB Communications to all our readers around the world, we wish you a healthy, Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous, and continued healthy new year.*

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## 18. French Side Update

Things continue to go well on the French side, where all remains peaceful and everything is normal. We continue to recommend that tourists avoid traveling through Sandy Ground in either direction, but other than that you can traverse the French side at will. Marigot along the waterfront is getting busier; Orient beach is buzzing; and Grand Case at night is busy. Those going to Grand Case will want to look at an article below about the paving project there.

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## 19. Blvd. de Grand Case Repaving Now Virtually Completed

Now, approximately two years after the French side initially said that it would be repaving Boulevard de Grand Case "in January" without specifying the year, the French side has actually done it.

Both the road by the French side airport, Spiga, and Tijon Parfumerie and Boulevard de Grand Case itself are beautifully smooth. However, there are unpainted speed bumps — a story about that idiosyncrasy is below.

Bottom line, relatively smooth sailing in Grand Case — finally.

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## 20. ...But Watch Out for the Annoying Unpainted Speed Bumps

Years ago, the Dutch side warned you about speed bumps — particularly in the old Mullet Bay Beach Resort property — by painting them, so you knew they were coming. The French side -- not so much.

At the old Mullet Bay Beach Resort property, the paint has long since worn off, so people driving between Cupecoy and Maho who are not familiar with the speed bumps and hit them will get a rude awakening. The speed bumps on Boulevard de Grand Case have also not been painted, and they hit you as not-so-nifty surprises when you drive down the boulevard.....

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## 21. Invasion of the Billionaire Boats & Planes

Once again, the billionaires have arrived here in their private jets and are being helicoptered to their megayachts, which in many cases will be taking them on the short trip to St. Barth (visible from Dawn Beach) for the Christmas holiday or private New Year's Eve fireworks displays.

Huge supermegayacht Eclipse arrived a couple of weeks ago and sailed last week to St. Barth. The Bandit, Roman Abramovich's private 767 that usually comes here every year wasn't expected this year because it's for sale, but it did appear for a couple of days just after the middle of last week. And Mr. Abramovich's new "wings," a big Boeing 787, flew in early Sunday morning after a nonstop trip from Moscow.

In addition, the megayacht KAOS, owned by Nancy Walton (Walmart) is offshore here, as was the big \$400-million megayacht Flying Fox, owned by Jeff Bezos (Amazon), until it sailed to St. Barth. This past weekend, there was a show in St. Barth that included a rakish Lamborghini Aries prototype that was flown in from the Ukraine on a big air Freighter, offloaded, then brought by boat to St. Barth. It reportedly was/is owned by Mr. Bezos.

We will be running pictures this week of some of the megayachts and both of Mr. Abramovich's huge jets in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#)..

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## 22. Movie in Production in SXM; Island Seeks More Filming

A production company from Utah has been filming a movie here entitled [The Beauty and the Billionaire](#); you can see more about it through the link.

Film production isn't new in St. Maarten. A number of years ago, Speed Two was filmed in downtown Marigot with actress Sandra Bullock, and there have been a number of TV segments filmed here over the years.

Some politicians here are floating the idea of diversifying the economy by attracting more film shooting and production across the island, which offers incredible vistas including primal forests, beaches, mountains, Ziplines, and lots more. It also has many casinos, breathtaking restaurants, and more — and production costs here would likely be far less than they are in Hollywood or New York even with flown-in production talent. Interesting possibility.

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## 23. Unexpected Facts About Vacationers in SXM

We recently did an unscientific survey about vacation habits, using our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). It was interesting to learn that although the most common length of a stayover tourist's vacation was two weeks, many more people spent four weeks or more on the island — and those numbers appear to be increasing. We have many timeshare owners among our readers and timeshare owners often buy more weeks to supplement their stays. In addition, many people who have stayed for several weeks decide to leave their stays open-ended by buying condominiums on the island which they can use at will or enter into their condominium association's rental pool.

Bottom line, stays continue to get longer. Please see our **Accommodations** section for much more information about buying condos on the island.

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## 24. Tourist Office to Open on Front Street: Why Boat People Are Getting Lots of Attention

For quite some time, the St. Maarten tourist office has been located near the Fairway market not far from Chesterfield's — out-of-the-way for stayover tourists visiting Philipsburg and not particularly convenient for anyone else. Worse, the few times that we went by that office recently, the door was locked and the telephone number displayed in the window didn't work.

Now the tourist office says is going to relocate to a currently unoccupied storefront on Front Street in Philipsburg, which should be significantly more convenient for people visiting by ship and for stayover tourists visiting Front Street jewelry, souvenir, and restaurant businesses.

Although stayover tourists are incredibly important to the SXM economy — powering restaurant success stories and returning to jewelry stores during every visit — many stayover visitors first touched SXM as cruise ship passengers. That's why so much attention is paid to appealing to these "boat people." SXM wants to show them its best side so they come back and truly enjoy the island.

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## 25. Jai's Begins Serving Lunches Monday & Tuesday

Jai's, the great new fusion restaurant that opened less than a year ago, is expanding its hours to include Monday and Tuesday lunches from about noon until 230. Although the menu is currently limited, the choices are all mouthwatering and reasonably priced. CIA grad Jai Lakhwani is in charge here and he really knows what he's doing. Regardless of whether you are vegan, vegetarian, carnivore, or pescetarian — you'll find something to enjoy (a lot) at Jai's. It's around the corner from Republic Bank in Simpson Bay, Dutch side.

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## 26. The Case of The Missing Mosquito Milk

For years, mosquito milk has been a widely used mosquito repellent throughout the tropics, widely available at pharmacies and some supermarkets.

But recently, it has been hard to come by. We have been unable to contact the company and some people are saying that it has gone out of business — something we doubt since it has been so successful for so long.

Mosquito milk has a number of ingredients, one of which is the fragrance of lemongrass which apparently mosquitoes detest. It normally comes in roll-on and spray containers. If you know where and how to get it, please let us know through our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Since so many companies are dealing with supply chain issues which put their products in short supply, our sense is that this is probably what's happening with mosquito milk — but we don't know for sure.

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## 27. Five-Vacation Giveaway Entries Officially Begin; Prize List for "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 beautiful Great Bay and downtown Philipsburg;

**Colony Manor Golden Daze** condo on Simpson Bay beach;

**Simpson Bay Resort, Marina, & Spa** in the heart of Simpson Bay, on its own private beach;

**Belair Beach Hotel** on its own private beach minutes from Philipsburg; and

and **Divi Little Bay Beach Resort**, on its own private beach with a gorgeous multi-level pool and lots of great restaurants on-site

In addition, there will be a car rental from **Leisure Car Rental** for the grand prize winner, several dinners for two at top island restaurants to be named here shortly, and a \$400 women's or men's watch from **Caribbean Gems** in Philipsburg. .

**ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN AND IF YOU RECEIVE YOUR OWN COPY OF SXM WEEKLY NEWS, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN. [ENTER HERE](#).** If you do NOT subscribe, you must go to [sxmweeklynews.com](http://sxmweeklynews.com) now to subscribe FREE before entering this giveaway. **ENTRIES FROM NONSUBSCRIBERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.**

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## 28. Front Street Parking Ban Enforcement Begins; Clem Labega Sq. Parking Lot Reopens

Enforcement of the ban on parking along Front Street in Philipsburg has begun. We've seen police details there East of the center of town going from car to car and ordering workers in stores to remove the cars at once. Hopefully, unresponsive individuals will see their cars towed away at their expense.

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## 29. Where to Park in Philipsburg (Revised 12/20/21)

**From Rakhee Sakhrani, Royal Jewelers, Philipsburg (Edited 12/20)**

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. **The lot reopened on Monday, December 20, 2021.**

**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!*

## 30. 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. 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.

## 31. 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.

## 32. For Restaurants Everywhere, Reservations Are An ABSOLUTE MUST

This is the busiest week of the year, to be followed by many more as the height of the winter season gets started. We urge all readers to make reservations before going to restaurants, which are quite busy and have still-reduced occupancy levels due to Covid protocols.

Otherwise, you risk a high likelihood of disappointment.

We also urge everyone who makes reservations to cancel them as far in advance as possible if it will be impossible for you to go. This is fair to the restaurant, which is holding seats for you and can't sell them to others unless you cancel. *Restaurants reserve the right to charge you if you are a no-show, as is now the case in many parts of the world.*

## 33. Restaurant of the Week - Pineapple Pete & Wasabi Charlie

Long a favorite on SXM, **Pineapple Pete** now combined with **Wasabi Charlie** offers an unrivaled selection of really outstanding home cooking, lots of delicious favorites served in a relaxed, casual ambiance. Plus -- there are lots of games for kids of all ages, a few slot machines, big tvs where you can watch sports, a souvenir shop, and lots more. Go! Nothing else like it on SXM. Not only is there great home cooking, there is also the renowned sushi creations of Wasabi Charlies -- so you can order whatever you like from the Pineapple Pete menu and order delicious Wasabi Charlie selections at the same time. Great food, tons of choices, a fully stocked bar, games, souvenirs, in one easy to find location across from IZI Ristorante Italiano and almost next door to the Toppers Rhum Distillery. Go... you'll love it just as we do.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Pineapple Pete**, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 12/20/21) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more.

Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids & their parents.

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (12/20/21)** now combined with Pineapple Pete at the Pineapple Pete location, opposite IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay. GREAT sushi rolls and sashimi and much more.

**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 (rum 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)

**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 Philipsburg. (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.

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 7/6/21) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai. Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by knowledgeable service. Go...you'll become a regular.

**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, lolo-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.

## 34. 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.

## 35. Who Our Sponsors Are, & Why You Should Patronize Them (Updated 11/29/21)

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

### BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES

## **SXM Beer Brewery**

## **Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery**

## **Caribbean Brewing**

## **CAR RENTALS:**

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

[Sax Car Rental](#)

**Exclusive Car Rental**

**Tropicana Car Rental**

## **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](#)

[SXM Cigars](#)

## **DOLLAR STORES**

[All in One Place](#)

## **DUTY-FREE SHOPPING (NEW)**

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

<https://www.facebook.com/buy.sxm>

## **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](#)

**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**

**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**

**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)**

**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)

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## 36. 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](#).

## 37. 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.

## 38. 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.

## 39. 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).

### **Get The Current Low Price on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership**

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-591-3483. More info? See [skymed.com/jmb](http://skymed.com/jmb) or email Jeff at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

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**and hear Jeff Berger LIVE on the air every Monday**

**between about 9:45am and 10am island time**

**on "Fresh Air in the Morning" with Dr. Soc.**

## 40. 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.](#)

## 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://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.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).

## About Email Address Changes / How To Unsubscribe (Updated 4/17/17)

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To change your email address, visit [www.sxmweeklynews.com](http://www.sxmweeklynews.com); unsubscribe your old email address and subscribe your new one. *JMB Website Supporters members should notify Membership Services of the new email address for continued Secret Site access.*

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

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.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) .

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