



Princess Juliana International Airport

THE SXM AIRPORT HORIZON

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IMAGE 1: (CENTER) COO, Michel Hyman with the SXM Airport Team (RIGHT) and the Ballast Nedam Team (LEFT)



IMAGE 2: Aerial view of the Terminal Building Roof

PHASE ONE OF ROOF REPAIRS AT SXM TERMINAL BUILDING COMPLETED

The Managing Board of the Princess Juliana International Airport – SXM announced the completion of Phase One of the roof repair project at the Terminal Building. The project originally began in March 2018. The completion of this phase is another step towards the reconstruction of the entire Terminal Building, the Managing Board said.

According to the Projects, Planning and Systems Department of SXM Airport (PPS), the 250 meters long roof, covering almost 16,000 square meters, was severely damaged in the aftermath of the September 2017 hurricanes. Hurricane Irma had ripped off 70% of the Terminal Building's roof.

Leakage consequently became a grave concern which effectively closed down the building's operational status. The Ballast Nedam company was contracted to reconstruct the roof in the first phase. The repairs included steel deck treatment, installation of the flat metal sheets and water-

proofing.

The Managing Board has confirmed that the roof repair plan will be carried out in three phases. Phase 2 of the project has already begun and includes the installation of the roof profiles and panels. Meanwhile, phase 3 will include the installation of the bullnoses and soffits, which form the perimeter of the roof.

The newly completed roof works (Phase 1) will ensure that the terminal will be watertight. Only after the installation of the roof profiles, panels, bullnoses and soffits (Phase 2+3 works) will the entire roof be able to sustain hurricane wind force of 185 miles per hour (Category 5). The overall project is set to be completed in November 2018.

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UPDATE

SXM AIRPORT PROJECT STATUS

DATE	PROJECT	STATUS
January 2018	Construction of Temporary Fire Department	Completion by July 2018
June 2018	Surveillance radar & Automation replacement	Completion by August 2018
August 2018	Phase 2 - Roof Repairs, Terminal Building	Completion by November 2018
August 2018	Upgrading of the Fire Suppression System at Air Traffic Services (Installation of fire detectors and new fire suppression)	Ongoing
November 2018	Phase 1 Transfer of Temporary Operations Facility inside Terminal Building	Completion by November 2018
November 2018	Phase 1 & 2 Cargo Repair Works	T.B.A.



Members of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Interim Head St. Maarten Tourist Bureau, May-Ling Chun (R)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

On Sunday, July 8, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continued to monitor closely the progress of Tropical Storm Beryl. All ten Emergency Support Functions of the country's disaster management system as well as supporting entities such as the Marines continued to make preparations related to the storm. The ten Emergency Support Functions comprises of GEBE, Telecommunications, Police, Fire, Communications, Tourism, Social & Welfare Affairs, Public Health, and Ministry VROMI (Public Works). Director of the STB May-Ling Chun during her presentation said that the organization of the Forum came at a crucial time. "... Weather is changing quickly on us and these Category 5 or other natural disasters for that matter no longer are once in a blue moon. Reality is we have to be ready for them."



The SXM Airport Hurricane Team swung into action in preparation for the announced Hurricane Beryl which thankfully posed no danger to us and has since disintegrated.

SXM AIRPORT HURRICANE TEAM READY

The Princess Juliana International Airport's hurricane team is ready to assist the airport community, as it pertains to its preparations for the tropical storm Beryl.

Weever and the team of the Emergency Support Function (ESF) on Saturday July 7, 2018.

The emergency meeting convened to discuss the necessary hurricane precautionary measures and

The Chief of Operations (COO), Michel Hyman and the Director of Operations, Lloyd Hinds met with the Honorable Prime Minister, Leona Romeo - Marlin, Minister of Justice, Cornelius de

the joint efforts of key entities. During the SXM Airport Hurricane team meeting later that morning, Joseph Isaac of the Meteorological Department of St. Maarten divulged that approximately 11:00am, Beryl was downgraded to a tropical storm, and expected to degenerate once it approaches the Lesser Antilles. The island expected maximum wind speeds less than 30 to 35 miles per hour (mph).

The Hurricane Team was also prepared to secure both the Pavilions and the terminal building in light of the storm system.



The Managing Board surprises Ariana Halley after the Airlines and Handlers facilitation meeting. (L to R) - COO Michel Hyman, Director of Halley Aviation, Ariana Halley, CFO and Acting CEO, Ravi Daryanani and Manager of Operations, Emile Levons

ARIANA HALLEY 50 Years In The Aviation Industry



with her views on how the operation should be run. Her no-nonsense approach is equally met with grace, as she is intensely passionate about the industry.

Overview of some of Ariana's accomplishments:

- She started her career as a clerk with LIAT on July 1st, 1968.
- She met her husband at the PJIA (married for 49 years to Neville Halley).
- She handled the first chartered Concorde Paris -SXM flight in 1986 (there were only 3 Concorde flights).
- She handled the first direct Trans-Atlantic flight Paris-SXM.
- She handled every type of aircraft that has ever landed at PJIA.

Referring to her as an ambassador of the Princess Juliana International Airport is an

understatement. She boasts of 50 years in the Aviation industry and is still headstrong

The Princess Juliana International Airport, SXM, met with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at the Carl's and Sons Inn and Conference center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the aviation security screening requirements as it relates to US Pre-Clearance. TSA gave information about the proposed US Pre-Clearance and the specifications required for this.

The SXM Airport delegation was also given further details about the relevant aviation requirements. TSA gave a presentation related to the U.S. Pre-Clearance, specifically regarding the TSA Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC), TSA Aviation Security (AVSEC) requirements, and a summary of equipment and screening technologies.

TSA also determined if SXM Airport's equipment were certified or qualified. During the walk-through they also checked the bottled liquid



Transportation Security Administration, TSA, meeting with SXM Airport to discuss security screening requirements as it related to US pre-clearance.

SXM MEETS TSA ON AIRPORT AVIATION SECURITY SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

scanning equipment and explosive trace detection. The discussions are part of the ongoing negotiations to establish US Pre-Clearance at SXM

Airport, a project that is receiving priority attention from the Management Board of the airport.



Hotel Update Post Hurricane Irma: **MERCURE HOTEL MARINA & SPA**

Six months after Hurricane Irma, Mercure Hotel, Marina and Spa in Baie Nettle announced it has 120 air-conditioned rooms in "perfect condition" out of a total 182 rooms, and all its hotel services are fully operational.

The speed of the recovery makes this major chain hotel the first property on the French side to return to normal service. However, the hotel never closed even after sustaining damage from Irma.

NEW AIR SERVICE

WINAIR

July 1, 2018

48 passenger ATR 42 500/600 Aircraft

4 Flights per week
3 Flights per week

Bonaire - Curacao - St. Maarten
Aruba - Curacao - St. Maarten



VISITOR TESTIMONIAL: **A FANTASTIC TRIP**

Visitor Testimonial by Sonny C.
Featured on Trip Advisor May 26, 2018
Via the St. Maarten Tourist Bureau

For those who are having doubts visiting after the hurricane . . . don't, just go or book your holiday and have a good time. We certainly did. Unfortunately due to time restraint we only stayed for 4 days (I wish it was longer) but it was all fun.

We stayed at Travel Inn by Airport Rd, its old but its clean you get TV/Air-con/WiFi. It is also close by to restaurants, supermarkets (fully stocked by the way) shops etc . . . just great!

Downstairs for dinner we ate at Al Pasha and enjoyed his selections of tasty seafood. Also for breakfast and dinner across the road is Vesna Traverna lovely place great food and warm welcome from Vesna and her staff.

We walked along Simpson Bay headed to Maho and what a beach!! so clean and blue. I walked barefooted and thoroughly enjoyed the warm sand/sea.

We had lunch/drinks at Sunset Beach Bar listen to the upbeat music people watch and watched the planes lands. Then headed across to Maho and rented the sun umbrella and stayed there till late afternoon drinking . . . it was heaven

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A little later we decided to walk back to our hotel via Simpson Bay again this time hardly anyone around, so we had the beach to ourselves.

Following day we headed to Philipsburg. Did some retail therapy, most shops are open for business and we certainly got some bargains!! Then for lunch we did the boardwalk, only a few restaurants are open but ended up at the Blue B#tch Bar and had a lovely meal. Then more shopping.

Fourth day we decided to be a bit more of a thrill seeker and came across Rhino Safari. They had a few people in the morning but since we were there early afternoon, we were the only two customers and pretty much had a private tour so to speak. Thoroughly enjoyed the beaches, scenery, the rough seas and swimming in the vast ocean, lol!

Next day, time to pack up and slowly make our way home. So overall we had a ball and no expectations. People are friendly, lots to do, we felt safe and secure. Plenty of places to eat and drink. Supermarkets are very well stocked. You can walk anywhere. Shopping galore. What more do you want!



Beach Update Post Hurricane Irma: **BIKINI BEACH ORIENT BAY**

The new bikini beach is fresh and back with a vengeance!

The restaurant has updated their decor with new vibrant colors. Great music, great food and their friendly service awaits every visitor to the beach front restaurant.



(center) - Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ravi Daryanani with the Caribbean Aviation Day Panelists).

CARIBBEAN AVIATION DAY

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ravi Daryanani of the Princess Juliana International Airport – SXM – was among panelists at the recently concluded Caribbean Aviation Day hosted by the International Air Transportation Association (IATA), the Caribbean Development Bank and ALTA, at the Hilton Barbados Resort.

The “Executive CEO Chat” addressed the theme: “Challenges facing the Caribbean Aviation Growth and Intra-Connectivity.”

The other panelists included the CEO of LIAT, Julie Reifer -Jones, Managing Director of Bahamasair, Tracy Cooper, Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organization, Hugh Riley and Media Consultant of Rogers Media House, Julian Rogers. The chat is a traditional flagship panel at IATA Aviation Days, bringing senior executives of the aviation industry together to discuss some of the challenges that the industry has faced over the past year and is likely to face in coming years. The overall goal of the panel was to get the panelists in terms to shed light on how they have

met or plan to meet those challenges.

Reportedly, the air transport industry in Latin America and the Caribbean generates US\$ 167 billion in GDP and supports 5.2 million jobs. The report, according to IATA, goes on to state that every year, 2.6 million flights operate in Latin America and the Caribbean, connecting 385 cities in the region and 160 cities around the world. Daryanani took the opportunity to update the panelists and delegates on the current operations at the Princess Juliana International Airport following the 2017 hurricanes.

“Maybe Hurricane Irma did one thing for us, it allowed us to hit a reset button on how to reach out to our airlines, VIP services, partners and neighbors on the French side,” he said.

He further revealed that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the authorities of Dutch and French St. Martin, forging a bond for both sides to work together in efforts to market the island as one destination.

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PRELIMINARY WINTER SCHEDULE 2018 / 2019

AIRLINE	ROUTE	TIME FRAME	FLIGHT FREQUENCY							
			DAILY	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
USA										
American	MIA	Nov 04 - Mar 30	●							
	MIA	Mar 03 - Mar 30	●							
	CLT	Nov 04 - Mar 30	●							
	CLT	Jan 06 - Mar 30							●	
	CLT	Mar 03 - Mar 30		●		●	●	●	●	●
	PHL	Dec 19 - Mar 30	●							
	JFK	Dec 19 - Mar 30							●	
Delta	ATL	Nov 04 - Dec 19			●	●			●	●
	ATL	Dec 20 - Mar 31	●							
	JFK	Nov 10 - Dec 15							●	
	JFK	Dec 20 - Mar 31	●							
JetBlue	BOS	Nov 03 - Jan 05							●	
	JFK	Oct 28 - Jan 07	●							
	JFK	Nov 17 - Dec 15							●	
	JFK	Dec 20 - Dec 30	●							
	JFK	Dec 31 - Jan 05		●	●	●				●
	JFK	Jan 08 - Feb 13	●							
United	EWR	Oct 28 - Dec 16							●	●
	EWR	Dec 19 - Mar 03	●							
	IAD	Nov 03 - Mar 30							●	
	IAD	Nov 03 - Mar 30							●	
CANADA										
WestJet	YYZ	Nov 01 - Mar 30								●
Air Transat	YYZ	Dec 22 - Apr 27							●	
	YUL	Dec 22 - Apr 27							●	
Air Canada	YYZ	Dec 15 - Mar 30							●	
EUROPE										
Air France	CDG	Oct 28 - Mar 30		●		●	●		●	●
Air Caraibes	ORY	Oct 31 - Mar 27				●				
		Nov 11 - Mar 29						●		
KLM	AMS	Oct 28 - Mar 30			●			●		●