Putting the 'Sin' in Sint Maarten

Having the ability to essentially do as you please is one of the reasons Las Vegas has been dubbed as Sin City. But here on St. Maarten, we tend to believe that the true 'Sin City' is right here. Why deal with the unbearably dry, hot summer or even the cold possibly snowing winter in Las Vegas when you can do the things you enjoy in the warm Caribbean sun?

One of the most treasured sins in St. Maarten is of course, drinking alcoholic beverages. But what do you do when you're ready to leave the bar, restaurant or night club in North America? You sadly have to leave your drink behind. Here, we call that a 'traveler'. We do not like to waste beverages of the adult variety, so ask your bartender or server for a plastic glass to pour your remaining drink into. Now the walk back to your hotel doesn't seem so mundane, because you can sip on that rum punch all the way home.

Did you order a bottle of wine and not finish it at the table? Put a cork in it and take it with you. Now you can enjoy your excess wine with your leftover meal all from the comfort of your hotel room.

Casinos
Of course, we cannot neglect to mention the many casinos on the Dutch side of the island...

Top 3 Simpson Bay and Maho Beach Bars
Part of the island culture is the ‘beach’ life; salt in your hair, wind whipping your face, and soft sand that you can wiggle your toes into. The scent of coconut, pineapples, and cocoa butter from sunscreens wafis through the air, and the ocean gently crashes onto the shore in a peaceful and rhythmic movement...

A Night Out in Pelican Key
Just up the hill from Simpson Bay is a small, upscale neighborhood called Pelican Key. It is home to several resorts as well as many island residents. And some of the island's top entertainment venues are located right there.

If you like the type of evening where you can have dinner, entertainment and cocktails all in one convenient location; then you must consider Pelican Key...

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Letter From the Editor

April 2018

Since the release of our first issue, we are proud to have received such inspiring feedback about our newspaper. While working on our second issue, we have continued to push ourselves to the fullest, to ensure that the quality and standards we have already set are reached each and every time.

While the focus of the WEEKEND EDITION is seeing our island through a resident's perspective, we hope to also bring awareness to topics that affect the local community. We feel that journalism is based not on writing what people say, but covering the occurrence or topic surrounding it. By shifting the focus to our island and the individuals that comprise it, we will bring a fresh perspective with each issue.

I’d like to thank our new and returning readers for reading ST-MAARTEN.COM WEEKEND EDITION. We hope to continue to bring you fun, exciting articles in every issue.

Hilary Grant
Editor

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Do you ever find yourself wondering what the flashing lights or incessant honking of car horns is all about? Driving on St. Maarten is surely different than what you are used to. Here is your go-to guide of the driving niceties we are referring to.

When someone flashes their brights at you, they are not suffering from road rage. So please, do not hang out the window and scream obscenities at them. This is a polite way of letting you know that they are letting you turn in front of them, or that you can back out of your parking space while they wait. Since majority of the island is one lane each direction, this custom is essential to keeping traffic moving and getting you to where you need to be on time.

But what about the horn honking? There are a number of useful moments for this and it is not an indication of aggressive driving. The key to this is to do short beeps and not a long beep. Long beeps are still reserved for preventing accidents or to get someone moving. Honk your horn if you are going around a blind curve to let someone know you are there, especially if it is a road unfamiliar to you. A single or double short horn beep is a great way to thank someone for letting you into the traffic pattern, or turn in front of them.

The island used to have two, and then one, intersection with traffic lights. These are gone now, thanks to Hurricane Irma. Traffic circles are the better solution anyway. If you have never driven in one before, do not panic. Traffic circles have been proven to be the most efficient way to handle traffic, much more than stoplights.

The key to remember, if people are in the traffic circle already, they have the right of way. Enter in the proper marked lanes for the exit you want to take, and as soon as you pass the exit before yours, merge to the right so you are prepared to exit. Keep an eye out for motorcycles, scooters and bikes.

Speaking of bikes, it is plain and simple. Share the road! If the biker motions for you to pass, then pass! We will leave it at that.

Finally, it is extremely common when you see someone you know driving on the opposite side of the road to stop, roll down your window and say hello and asking how their day is going. Be patient! This is one of the many reasons we are known as the ‘friendly island’. So, unwind and enjoy your new style of driving!
Offering slots, poker games, table games, bingo, baccarat and even sports betting; you can indulge in the fun of gambling while on island.

The Hollywood Casino, in the heart of the Pelican neighborhood, describes itself as a boutique casino offering everything from slots to table games and a poker room. Simpson Bay/Cole Bay is home to four more gaming establishments: On Airport Road you'll find the brand-new Ultimate Sports Casino and driving towards Cole Bay, you'll see the Paradise Casino for mostly slots and sports betting. A little further, there is the Tropicana with a wide selection of slot machines.

Port de Plaisance on Union Road in Cole Bay (the road leading to Marigot) is a large entertainment compound and home to the glamorous Princess Casino which offers all types of casino gaming.

**Adult Entertainment**

Another favorite sin is following the temptations of sensual pleasure. Maybe you like to start, or end, your evening at an adult entertainment club. St. Maarten is known throughout the Antillean Islands and the Caribbean for their progressive regulations regarding adult entertainment. Visit one of the many clubs and be treated by attractive women as the celebrity you always aspired to be. And for our female readers, don’t despair. Women are certainly welcome into all establishments, and are a large percentage of clientele. As for our couples, lots of fun is to be had as well. Dancers may offer a couple's dance, so don’t be shy. Yes, this is all legal in Dutch St. Maarten.

**Smoking**

The enjoyment of shredded tobacco leaves set on fire and inhaling their smoke is not as severely restricted on St. Maarten as in North America or Europe. There is more of a ‘live and let live’ attitude here. Most restaurants and bars let you smoke - just be considerate and don't blow it into the direction of obvious non-smokers. The island even has its own cigar manufacturer.

For these reasons, and so many more, we assert that St. Maarten is the legitimate heir to the title of Sin City.
Stachy's Hut
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Yarning for an authentic Caribbean meal in a typical island setting? It's time you find your way to Stachy's Hut, located right on the main road in French Cul de Sac (on the way to the Islet Pinel ferry)!

The Hut had been decimated to a knee-high pile of rubble by last year’s hurricane, as explained by proprietor, Stachy. He and his team are still busy rebuilding both the restaurant and lounge area with the materials they can salvage. But the vibe is back; food and drinks are served and during the weekends especially, Stachy's Hut is packed with a party crowd appreciating different flavors of entertainment. There are nights focused on Reggae and other evenings are reserved for Latin music.

The menu offers surprisingly ambitious cuisine; it demonstrates what a Caribbean chef can create even with limited kitchen facilities. It shows the tremendous experience Stachy built up, working as a chef for many of the island's leading restaurants.

Allister is preparing the meals and a frequently changing menu will be offered to you. For drink specials, ask Claudia: only at Stachy's Hut will you find rum drinks flavored with local herbs.

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Do You Know St. Maarten?

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Test your island knowledge here!

ACROSS
1. Sea snail
3. Local restaurant shacks
6. Local rum
8. Currency of St. Maarten
13. Yacht harbor
16. Popular Jamaican soda
17. Carnival music
21. French bread
22. Neighborhood named after bird
23. Plant to make rum
24. Movie casino
25. Dominican beer

DOWN
2. A pond named after a mollusk
4. Beach of Perch Bar Light
5. Local ice cream
7. TV family named after lagoon
9. What color signals "Dutch"?
10. Highest mountain of The Netherlands
11. Airport code for Grand Case
12. St. Maarten national airline
14. Tiny island close by
15. Ristorante at Hollywood
18. Twin-hulled boat
19. French cop
20. Treaty and neighborhood

Cheating? Find solution to the puzzle on Page 10
Jump Up Signals Start of Carnival Season

A time honored tradition, Jump Up is the parade that kicks off the St. Maarten Carnival season.

This year, the Jump Up made its way down Airport Road, filling the restaurants and bars along the Simpson Bay strip with music and lights in a spectacular fashion. The street filled with the sound of lively music that you couldn’t help but dance along to. And of course, we did this with our cocktails in hand.

Hundreds of people gathered to watch as they made their way over the Causeway Bridge.

In post-Irma times, it was unknown as to what to expect this Carnival, but the Jump Up showed the spirit of our island is ready to celebrate and enjoy.

Below is a preview of costumes designed by Deangelo Butler for the 2018 Carnival season.

New Spa Opens at the Atrium Beach Resort

Tucked away within The Atrium Beach Resort and Spa is one of the newest day spas in St. Maarten, Aquarius Spa. If you are looking to relax, rejuvenate, and strengthen your mind and body through wellness treatments; Aquarius is the perfect place to accomplish that task.

At first glance, the list of spa services is filled with familiar entries; such as facials, massages, and body scrubs. As you read through the description of treatments, or speak with the owner Jhon (yes, the name is spelled correctly), you’ll discover that the services provided are anything but common.

A crowd pleaser is the Aquarius Repair Facial. After days spent in the sun, drinking delicious frozen cocktails, your skin is deeply in need of hydration and restoration. This antioxidant facial is designed to rescue and repair your skin at a cellular level and return to your face your radiant glow.

Another popular choice is sugar waxing!

The age old saying, ‘suffer to be beautiful’ was probably first said regarding this traditional beautification process. Thankfully, hot wax is a thing of the past. The mixture used combines minimal, sensitive skin safe ingredients like sugar and lemon.

As you can see, there is a diverse menu of treatments available to soothe the soul, mind and body. For further information please contact Aquarius Spa at: +1 721 556-0706 or via email aquarius.spasxm@gmail.com.
A Night Out on the Town in Pelican Key

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First you can dine at the fine dining Italian restaurant, Isola. Providing traditional Italian dishes in a modern setting, this restaurant is sure to be one of your favorites.

The interior has been fully renovated, providing air conditioning and a cool ambiance using blue lighting and décor. Most people do not realize that Isola has a full outside deck overlooking the ocean!

As for the cuisine, pastas are made fresh and you can taste the difference! The appetizers, main courses, desserts and brick oven pizza are all offered nightly.

Some of our favorites include: Burrata (a creamy mozzarella cheese served with cherry tomatoes and a sundried tomato and basil pesto), Tagliolini al Tartufo (freshly made tagliolini pasta with a light butter sauce and decadent black truffle), and OssoBuco di Vitello (braised veal shank with creamy polenta).

After dinner, head next door to the Hollywood Casino. This charming casino has a vintage Hollywood glam feel, showcasing movie posters and colors reminiscent of old Hollywood. There is a plethora of slot machines to choose from, ranging from classic games to ones with all the bells and whistles. Hollywood Casino offers poker games nightly in their Poker Room.

Other favorite table games include blackjack and baccarat. Also, not to miss, their Sportsbook! Of course, we must mention that you drink for free while playing, and you can even order food from Isola and have it brought to you.

Both Isola and the Hollywood Casino offer free valet parking, so there is no need to worry if you will find a parking spot nearby.

After the casino, you can visit The Red Piano, which has been ranked the number one live music venue on St. Maarten.

Originally known as a piano bar, they feature a different monthly piano player on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Mondays are the infamous Church on Mondays, which showcases a new, talented local band. Fridays are Caribbean night with the Tonik band and DJ Tete, and Saturdays are reserved for DeeJBlackBoy.

No matter which night you choose to attend, you will have nonstop fun at The Red Piano.

A few of our favorites adult beverages to enjoy while dancing and singing the night away include the Espresso Martini, Oreo Crush and the Red Piano Rum Punch. We dare you to try to stop after one with any of these cocktails!

So for a memorable evening enjoying tasty food, perfectly executed libations, and the glitz and glamour of the casino; visit Isola, the Hollywood Casino and the Red Piano. You are guaranteed to have a fun night of entertainment.

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New Simpson Bay Location for The Art Box Gallery

The Art Box Gallery recently celebrated the grand opening of their new Cole Bay location on Welfare Road across from the Simpson Bay Yacht Club. Owner Zdenka Kiric is a long time island resident and formidable artist in her own right. Now she has created a platform to present the works of St. Maarten/St-Martin’s leading artists.

If you are interested in the works of greats such as Antoine Chapon, Sir Roland Richardson, Francis Eck or April Hankins; please visit The Art Box Gallery to see an amazing selection of pieces on display.

Sometimes it feels as if life on our island is following the rhythm of major storms: Zdenka arrived in 1995 on a tiny sailboat, with no money, but some tools and 30 pounds of wire. Before she could set up shop, Hurricane Luis hit the island and she lost her boat. The tools and wire were saved and St. Maarten visitors during that time will remember a cheerful artist who sat outside Holland House, knocking out beautifully intricate bicycles and motorbikes made from a single length of anodized aluminum wire.

Fast forward 22 years: Only months after Hurricane Irma forced the complete island to rebuild its civil life, Zdenka moved The Art Box Gallery from its previous location in Bobby’s Marina Village to a prime location in Cole Bay for a new start. With the previous location, the gallery attracted mostly cruise ship visitors. Now it is island residents and stay-over-guests who will be able to enjoy the art work.

Fitting enough, with the observation that hurricanes set the dates for change, the first major exhibition will take place on April 19th. It will showcase the post-Hurricane Irma sculptures of April Hankins, which share a special emotional bond with all residents of

The Artist combined the dark forces of nature into unique sculptures, by using exclusively debris materials found after Hurricane Irma wrecked the Northeastern Caribbean - the most powerful force ever witnessed in this hemisphere.

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Tying the Knot on Island

Have you ever dreamed of a Caribbean wedding? Why not make this dream a reality and exchange your vows on the white sandy beaches while in St. Maarten/St-Martin? Our island boasts of crystal clear blue waters and over 37 white sandy beaches each offering its own astounding sunrise and sunset. This dual Island paradise will ensure beautiful wedding photos and lovely memories for years to come. Visit our website ST-MAARTEN.COM to see the requirements to saying, ‘I do’ while on your vacation.

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In the wake of Hurricane Irma, using the social media hashtag ‘SXMSstrong’ became an internet sensation when posting about the aftermath. The use of hashtags in social media has become essential in quickly finding and identifying key viral topics and videos.

But in using this hashtag, attention was only drawn to the Dutch side of our island. So, this begs the question, what about #SFGStrong?

In reading this, you may be thinking what many others have. What is SFG? Well, ‘SXM’ is the airport code for the Princess Juliana International Airport on Dutch St. Maarten, and ‘SFG’ is the airport code for Grand Case-Espérance Airport on French St-Martin. By the way, both airports are functioning!

But when using this hashtag, we really are not talking about the well-being of the two airports. What we really are doing is heightening global awareness about the strength and welfare of our entire island.

By limiting the hashtag to just ‘SXMSstrong’, the French side seems almost lost in the rubble in the world of social media.

Some may think this unintentional oversight does not matter when viewing the larger picture of rebuilding the island.

But, we live in a digital age where every post or photo used in social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, are cataloged and easily indexed through web engines like Google. Hashtags make this process even easier.

So here is what you can do to help. We should be building the publicity of our island on both sides, and use the hashtags for the appropriate posts and photos. If you’re taking photos of the island, both Dutch and French side, please use both hashtags: #SXMSstrong and #SFGStrong. If you are taking photos of one side of the island only, use the corresponding hashtag. And if you’re posting about the rebuilding of St. Maarten/St-Martin and how far we have come, always use both hashtags.

By doing this, you will be bringing awareness to both sides of the island. We all thank you!
Top 3 Simpson Bay and Maho Beach Bars

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While you are enjoying numerous water activities, where can you go to get a refreshing cocktail that does not mind you being a little sandy? Well we have just the places for you. Put on your flip-flops and visit one of our Top Beach Bars, where the only requirement is a thirst or hunger for satisfying food and drinks.

The Boon
Located somewhat in the center of the long sweep of Simpson Bay Beach, The Boon is part of the charming Mary's Boon Beach Resort. The bar and restaurant overlooks the Caribbean Sea and lounge chairs are readily available for guests. The mixologist at the full bar will prepare any cocktail requested.

Next to The Boon is Karakter Beach Bar, operating out of a converted school bus. Frequent live entertainment and a lively weekend party scene are their hallmark.

Driftwood Boat Bar
Maho Beach is the place for watching airplanes land and take off at the Princess Juliana International Airport. The Driftwood Boat Bar offers a broad selection of great food. Cocktails are made with fresh ingredients! The bar is pop-ular with both island visitors and local residents.

Buccaneer Beach Bar
Tucked into a corner of Kimsha Beach in front of The Atrium Beach Resort, and within walking distance to several other hotels, Buccaneer's is always a happening place. Friday evenings are especially popular because they have special attractions for children to keep them occupied while you enjoy the atmosphere.

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'Category 5 Plus' Cocktail Contest Launched

First there was a big hurricane, the strongest ever measured. Our island was shaken up severely. And among the many bars we have here, hundreds of bottles of the fine liquors were smashed, leaving only a few intact. Our resident mixologists had to be truly creative during the first days after the hurricane to come up with some new cocktails with very limited resources.

Who could blame the bartenders for naming their concoctions 'Category Five Plus'? Now we have a few too many Cat 5's around and this is why we need a contest to decide which one is the public favorite. The category 5+ Hurricane Irma is now part of our history. We made it through and we don't mind if vicious Irma is remembered as a drink that causes a serious hangover.

**Here is how it works:**
Go on a bar crawl and visit the participating bars and restaurants from all around the island and order each different version of Category Five Plus. (Please make sure that you have a designated driver for the occasion!)

To view a list of contestants and to vote, visit ST-MAARTEN.COM by using the QR code to the left.

**THE BOON BEACH BAR**
Simpson Bay
Located on the most gorgeous stretch of white sand on Simpson Bay Beach, The Boon lets you test their Cat 5 cocktail while enjoying the view over the turquoise waters of the Caribbean sea.

**BUFFALO WINGS**
Simpson Bay/Cole Bay
Famous for chicken wings and as a comfy sports bar, Buffalo Wings came up with a cocktail which has a spicy surprise.

**DRIFTWOOD BOAT BAR**
Maho Beach
Not only is this beach bar a plane spotter's paradise, but also some of the island's best punches are offered here, using up to seven different brands of rum.

**JIMBO'S ROCK AND BLUES CAFE**
Simpson Bay Yacht Club
Even though Jimbo's serves Carib-Tex fare, his cocktail creation doesn't have to be a Margarita derivative - it just most likely is.

**LAGOONIES**
Cole Bay
This famous waterfront sailor's bar not only offers fantastic food and live entertainment, they are also in competing in our cocktail contest. Keep in mind that sailors have a very special relationship to storms!

**OCEAN LOUNGE**
Philipsburg
This elegant beachfront restaurant and bar at the Holland House Hotel will be a tough contender, considering how ambitious their resident mixologist is!

**NOWHERE SPECIAL**
Simpson Bay
This is one bar which doesn't plan to live up to its name. We are certain that they will create an exciting Category 5 Special.

**TOPPER'S BAR AND RESTAURANT**
Simpson Bay
Topper's Bar and Restaurant might have an unfair advantage; after all, they also are the producers of the highly acclaimed Topper's Rhum. Let's see if they are using some of their exotic flavored rhum.

**THE RED PIANO**
Pelicans
Arguably the most complete stocked bar on the island, test their cocktail while listening to live entertainment until late.

**RENDEZ-VOUS LOUNGE**
Porto Cupecoy
Rendez-Vous Lounge in Porto Cupecoy created a special drink and mixed it live during a radio show on Island 92.

**WASABI CHARLIE**
Simpson Bay/Cole Bay
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