Ice fishing far from being ready to commence

Outdoors

Mike Hayakawa

To say the least, Mother Nature has not been kind to ice fishing enthusiasts so far this year.

Unseasonably warm weather during the early days of the new year has prevented hut operators from placing their shacks on frozen pond so far.

Because of this, the season has the ominous makings of being a short one.

However, things could do a quick about face with a string of days and evenings of below-freezing temperatures.

Venturing safely out on your favorite frozen body of water for the first time in the season can be a crap shoot. This uncertainty though can be eliminated by following a couple of certain steps.

1. Check with any local ice fish hut operator or Ministry of Natural Resources district office on ice conditions and fishing activity.

2. Familiarize yourself with freeze up characteristics of the body of water you intend to fish. Pay close attention to which specific areas are first to be covered with ice and those where ice is first to leave.

Pay extra careful attention to areas covered with snow, which acts as an insulator, areas below bridges, shoals, rivermouths or areas that might contain springs.

3. As a rule of thumb, the ministry suggests four inches of clear, solid ice is the minimum thickness desired to allow anglers to travel out in single file. To venture out on a 2 1/2-tonne truck gross or snowmobile will require at least eight inches of clear ice, they add.

4. When travelling out on the ice be sure to go with a group of people. Carry a spud to check for ice thickness at various intervals. As well, be sure to bring along a length of rope that could be used in rescue operations. It also does not hurt to don a survival suit, manufactured by Buoy-O-Boy or Mustang, in the event that you do fall through the ice. These suits are tailored for such instances and will buy you a little extra survival time before assistance arrives.

Ice fishing can be an enjoyable winter recreational activity. Knowing when to go out and doing so safely makes it that much more fun.

ANGLING REGULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Ministry of Natural Resources new angling regulations for this year are now available. The publication can be obtained at no cost from any outdoor store or from the Ministry's Information Centres. The information centres can be contacted by calling 1-800-667-1940.

Based on the new regulations there are no major changes that will be implemented locally.

BOAT SHOW FROM JAN. 17-25

Are you looking to purchase a boat for the upcoming boating season or are you interested in knowing what new vessels and outboard motors are new for the upcoming year? You might want to venture down to the new National Trade Centre at Exhibition Place and catch the annual Toronto Boat Show. This year's event will run from Jan. 17 to 25 and feature over 1,500 vessels.

Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and noon to 9 p.m. on weekdays. Admission is $10 for adults, $7 for children between 5 and 15 years of age and $8 for seniors. A family pass is available at the door for $25 and special two-day adult passes are $16.

Markham Economist & Sun Presents

Sincerely Yours

FREE Personal Ad
FREE Voice Greeting
FREE Message Retrieval (Once A Week)

Sincerely Yours is Markham's way to meet successful singles like yourself

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

Call 1-900-451-0210
$1.99 per min.

HUNTING THE LOVE BUG
52 yr old, 4'11", white divorced female. Enjoys camping, fishing, movies and dining out or in. I love animals and have a great sense of humor. Seeking a kind man, who is down to earth and has a great sense of humor. BOX 21008

SHARE MY WORLD
5'5", lady, looking for a romantic, generous man, between 39-42, who will bring me flowers without me asking, you have to like candlelight dinners. BOX 21017

GET TO NO ME BETTER
41 yr old, 5'2", divorced female, enjoys sports, especially hockey. Looking for someone to spend time with, hopefully have a friendship, and build it up to a relationship. BOX 23444

LOYALITY IS A MUST!!
35 yr old, 5'4", 116 lb, single mom, very outgoing. Been on the prowl, but just can't fine anyone, spontaneous or loyal, like me. Looking for a man, with shoulder length hair or longer, 5'8" or taller and must be loyal and outgoing, like me. BOX 23543

SOULMATE SEARCHING
Young 50 yr old English rose seeking an active, affectionate, good looking French Canadian or European male, 50 plus, who is tall and educated. Like walks, dining, travel and more. Want possible long term relationship. BOX 21013

OLD FASHION GAL
34 yr old, 5'7 1/2", 125 lb mother, a smoker, is seeking a male, 34 to 40, taller than 5'7", who likes dining out, watching hockey & baseball, movies & more. BOX 18516

LET'S LAUGH
29 yr old, single white female, enjoys movies, long walks, animals, talks, laughter & more. Seeking a male for friendship; possible relationship. BOX 23541

SOUTH MARKHAM AREA
47 yr old, queen size female, 5'5", a non smoker, enjoys dining, dancing, cards, flea markets and the theatre. Seeking a single white male, 40 to 50, honest and descent with integrity. Love hair and beards. BOX 18521

LIKE DOING A LOT
41 yr old, 5' female, a smoker and social drinker, enjoys music, movies, dancing, swimming, children and more. Seeks a male, 41-50, who is honest, sincere with a good sense of humor. BOX 20782

**** WOODBRIDGE AREA ****
Female with long brown hair, brown eyes, seeking a mature, good looking male, 25-35, who is not into head games or a bar fly. Wants long term relationship. Enjoys both indoor & outdoor activities. BOX 23539

**** HAPPY HEALTH 1998 ****
After heart breaking relationship, patience's the secret. A hug helps to bear & repair. Learn from mistakes. To be loved again be lovable & appreciate the difference in others I have. If you have, please call me. BOX 12094

MUST LIKE KIDS
28 yr old, single mother of three, with brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys music, movies, dancing and more. Seeking a single male for friendship first. BOX 23326

MAKE ME SMILE
37 yr old, slim built, white single mother of two, with dark hair and blue eyes, easy going, enjoys the theatre, dining out, sports, traveling and more. Seeking an honest, easy going, cheerful male with a sense of humor. BOX 23493

BE MY SOUL MATE
39 yr old, 5'7", single female with blonde hair and blue eyes. Seeking a single male for a possible long term relationship. BOX 23531

NO WINTER CLOTHES
Energetic female, seeks lover, partner 45 plus, who desires to move to the tropics within a few years, months, etc. Tired of the rat-race, rather hang out with the monkeys. Feel the same? Then call and start packing. BOX 12061

PREFER EUROPEAN MAN
41 yr old, attractive, single black female seeking a white male, 40 to 47, for friendship first. Must possess a good sense of humor, be honest, sincere, good looking. BOX 18509

WARM, STRONG FEMALE
Energetic female loves and respects herself and others. Seeking a male who has heart. My ancestry is West Indian, but welcome all cultures. BOX 23504

FUN & HUMOR
Petite attractive, single mother, 40ish, nonsmoker. Enjoys skiing, the outdoors, skating, ballet, the arts and cooking. Seeking a warm, financially secure male, with a sense of fun and humor. Wants an energetic and honest relationship. BOX 23488

CHEMISTRY NEEDED
Caring mother of two, seeking someone to share my life with. Want you to be caring, honest, sensitive and willing to go through good and bad times. Likes country music, holding hands, cuddling, candlelight, movies, etc. BOX 20921

**** NON SMOKERS PLEASE ****
41 yr old, attractive professional mother, nonsmoker, enjoys movies, dancing, traveling, the outdoors and quiet evenings. Seeking a male, nonsmoker, caring, honest with a good sense of humor. BOX 16025

**** MUST LIKE HORSES ****
42 yr old, 5'4", 112 lb, professional mother of one, attractive, enjoys horses, dancing, travel, sailing, etc. Seeking a kind, warm male, 38 to 45, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Should really be into horses. BOX 21002

LONG BROWN HAIR
35 yr old, 5'7", single mother of one, enjoys the outdoors. Seeking a down to earth, honest male. B O X 23512

OUT FOR FUN!!!
24 yr old, 5'4", female enjoys dancing, playing sports, outdoors and having a really good laugh. Seeks a hard working male who is caring and has a good sense of humor. BOX 18508

**** HONEST AND CARING? ****
41 yr old attractive professional mother enjoys dinners, movies or quiet evenings at home with someone special. Seeking a non smoking, honest and caring male with similar interests and a good sense of humor. BOX 23501

SEEKS MATURE MAN
28 yr old, 5'4", single white female with strawberry blonde hair and hazel eyes, is seeking a mature, employed, honest, respectable male, 28 to 35, considerate. BOX 16011

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
27 yr old very attractive professional female is seeking a sweet, kind, caring, affectionate, passionate, romantic Joey Tribianti from friends. BOX 20982

**** MISSING U ****
A B C D E F G H I J K L M O P Q R S T V W X Y Z. Can U fill in the blank? 48 yrs old, 5'4", blonde female, non smoker, many interests, Aurora area. BOX 12092

**** WE SHOULD TALK ****
43 yr old divorced mother of two, employed. Enjoy dining out, theatre, children activities and more. Seek a male with sense of humor. BOX 18315

COULD THIS BE YOU?
38 yr old, 132 lb, athletic, fit, very intelligent, single white female; childless, non smoker and social drinker, lives in Aurora, enjoys tennis, hiking, sailing, etc. Seeking a sophisticated, intelligent and tall male, 34 to 44, who is athletic and handsome. BOX 23494

To browse Men Seeking Men and Women Seeking Women ads, call 1-900-451-0210

"Miss Adventures" in Dating

There is a better way to meet... call 1-900-451-0210 to respond

LOVE ROMANCE
Seeking someone to share my life with. Want a single white male 37 to 42, who is caring, trustworthy, 5'10", or taller, romantic and sensitive, for a permanent relationship. If you would like to meet me, give me a call! BOX 18483

DEAR SANTA
All I want for Christmas is a good looking, romantic, professional Mediterranean gentleman, 46 to 52, non smoker, for a long term romance. I am a petite, blonde, green-eyed, single white female from Aurora. BOX 20965

GENTLE NATURE
47 yr old, 5'8", blonde female, non smoker. Likes outdoors, wines, theater, movies, music, etc. Seeks tall, honest male over 50 with sense of humor and gentle nature. No games. BOX 18430

**** WANT TO HANG OUT? ****
26 yr old shy female is looking for someone to hang out with. Enjoy dancing, playing scrabble, cards, skiing and walking. Give me a call! BOX 15870

ALL REPLIES ANSWERED
Very pretty rubenesque, green eyed single white professional female with long dark hair and a great sense of humor. Seeks husky single white male, 26 to 38, nonsmoker, affectionate, attentive and employed. Children welcome. BOX 12191

THAT SPECIAL TAURUS
50 plus, 5'2", 150 lb, loving, cheerful lady loves dancing, playing cards, cooking, entertaining, holding hands and more. Seeking a white male 55 to 60, with the same interests, for a lasting relationship. BOX 18443

**** SENSE OF HUMOR? ****
41 yr old divorced female enjoys music, films, dancing, pets and children. Seeking a male, 41 to 48, who is honest and considerate with a good sense of humor. BOX 15743

PERMANENT, FULL-TIME
position available with potential for advancement, to full partnership with a slim, professional, attractive lady in the Newmarket area. Like dancing, movies, picnics and Sunday Drives. Want a tall, honest man 49 to 54. BOX 18497

JOEY TRIBIANI??
27 yr old, bright, attractive female is seeking Joey Tribiani, one who's sweet, kind, caring, affectionate and passionate. BOX 18482

**** ANSWER MY AD! ****
40-ish attractive lady, 5'2", with medium build enjoys reading, dancing and good movies. Looking for a male, 40-ish or younger, attractive, steadily employed, clean, emotionally stable and free of addictions. BOX 18481

WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN
36 yr old, 5'10", 160 lb, single male, independent, and in good shape. Enjoy staying active. Looking for a single white lady, under 5'8", and in good shape, to be my life long companion. BOX 20580

BEING JUST ME
52 yr old, 6', 200 lb, single white male. I seek a very special girlfriend who can see me for who I'm. BOX 21015

GOOD HEARTED MAN
Early 30's, attractive, tall, honest and caring white male, seeking attractive female, 25 plus, who is down to earth and likes to have fun. BOX 21021

NEED A LOVING GIRL
40 yr old, single male, seeks playful, openminded female. BOX 23548

FUSSY
Well-off, widower seeking very tall, non smoking female in her early, 60's, with an easy commute to Markham. BOX 23439

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Call 1-900-451-0210
$1.99 per min.

SEEKS TALL LADY
64 yr old, 6'2", 190 lb, widowed male, likes traveling, golf, fishing, and just plain old relaxing. Seeks a tall, attractive lady with same interests. BOX 18529

LIFE PARTNER; WANTED
52 yr old, 6'1", 210 lb, widowed professional white male; warm, intelligent, passionate and a devoted father of two. Enjoys skiing, playing tennis and riding bikes. I seek a sophisticated, intelligent lady, between 40-52, who is slim, fit, and looking for a partner. BOX 18532

SEEKING SUSAN!!
20 yr old, 6', single male, somewhat physically fit. Looking for someone who will treat me right, like I would treat them. Call me I want to light up your life. BOX 21020

SECOND TIME AROUND
Black professional male, 45, 5'9", 165lbs., widower, marriage minded, financially secure, no dependants. Enjoys world travel, dining out, movies and the theater. Seeking honest, trustworthy female, for long term relationship. BOX 12096

HONEST AND SINCERE
35 yr old, 5'8", employed father of one enjoys children, animals and the country life. Seeking a slim professional female, 29 to 37, who is a non smoker, with strong family values, for honest lasting relationship. BOX 16031

ATTENTION SHOPPERS
We Are Having A Special! 32 yr old monogamous, attentive, non smoking & non drinking, creative, spontaneous male, slightly used, but well trained, has read "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus", seeks female to share life's intricacies. BOX 18524

LONELY & SINCERE
45 yr old, 5'11", 200 lb male, nonsmoker, nondrinker, seeking a female for friendship; possible long lasting relationship. Enjoys country, western music, skiing, dancing, ice skating, hiking, motorcycles & more. BOX 23528

To place your FREE ad, call
1-888-240-3829
Anytime, day or night.
To respond to an ad, call
1-900-451-0210
$1.99 per minute, You must be 18 or older.
Use this number for message retrieval
Both numbers work with TouchTone and Rotary phones.
Service Provided by Advanced Telecom Services

NEW GAL WANTED
43 yr old male, employed, divorced Catholic Toronto raised, small home, has dog, works and enjoys the outdoors, is seeking a younger and employed female with a sense of humor. BOX 18326

SOUND LIKE YOU?
40 yr old 5'10" male lives in the country and loves the outdoors. Seeking a single, never married, female with no children who has similar interests. BOX 15512

CURIOUS ABOUT USA
39 yr old, 5'10", 150 lb divorced black male is seeking a female who wants to have fun and help a new comer to America explore. BOX 16036

JUST CALL ME
44 yr old, 5'8", 144 lb male, honest and fun to be with, enjoys country music, long walk, long drives and much more. BOX 16037

LIKE HAVING FUN!
27 yr old, 5'8", 165 lb muscular white male is seeking a female, around 27, who knows what she wants and likes to go out to have a good time. BOX 18518

CALL ME SOON!
41 yr old, 6'1", 190 lb, tall and handsome, single, never married easy going male with mustache and glasses. Enjoy movies, shopping, working out and more. Seeking a caring, slim and attractive female, 25 to 35. BOX 18523

WHERE ARE YOU?
43 yr old, 5'9", male, slim build, enjoys pool, dancing, dining out, movies, going for walks. Seek female, 25-45, who enjoys the same interests and can take the good and bad times together for loving lasting relationship. BOX 16028

NEWMARKET AREA MAN
Early 40's, 5'10", 180 lb single white father of one enjoys socializing, dancing and romantic quiet evenings. Seeking a female, 30 to 40, with similar interests. BOX 18525

NEW YEAR, NEW LIFE
new soulmate wanted! 42 yr old, 5'9", 180 lb, single white male, non smoker, seeking a special lady to share life, love & life's experiences. Is this you? BOX 18526

MR. WONDERFUL
5'10", retired male seeking an affectionate, passionate female for good times. Age unimportant. Like dining out, the theater & sports. BOX 21014

GUIDELINES
The Publisher assumes no liability for the contents of, or replies to, any personal advertisements, and such liability rest exclusively with the advertiser of, or respondent to, such advertisements. The Publisher may, in its sole discretion, change, reject or delete any personal advertisements which it deems inappropriate. All advertisers must record a voice greeting to accompany their ad. Ads without voice greetings may not appear in Sincerely Yours. When you respond to a Sincerely Yours ad, your phone bill will reflect a charge of $1.99 per minute. An average 3 minute call costs $5.97. Sincerely Yours is provided by Markham Economist & Sun and Advanced Telecom Services, Wayne, PA 19087, the program operators, and can be reached at 1-800-928-5699 from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. To change or renew your ad or for customer service, call 1-800-928-5699 from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. To talk to a live operator to place your ad call 1-800-289-5685. Copyright 1997 ATS. 1/09/98