

SAILING DIRECTIONS CORRECTIONS

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Page 76—Lines 43/L to 43/R; read:

6.4 The main channel through **Lough Foyle** (55°10'N., 7°00'W.) is the only one leading to the entrance of the River Foyle and hence to the port of Londonderry. It follows the NW shore. It is entered between Inishowen Head and Magilligan Point.

The greater part of the lough lies SE of the main channel and consists of sand and mudbanks. In some areas of this portion of the lough it is quite deep and is interspersed with other channels which lead nowhere.

The Tuns, a shallow sandbank, extends up to about 3 miles NE from Magilligan Point, on the S side of the approach. Its seaward extremity is marked by a lighted buoy.

From **Magilligan Point** (55°12'N., 6°58'W.), at its entrance, the channel leads generally SW for a distance of approximately 4.5 miles before entering the narrow maintained channel, the NE end of which is marked by two lighted buoys. It leads further for approximately 9.5 miles to the entrance of the River Foyle.

Tides—Currents.—Off the entrance to Lough Foyle, the tidal currents attain rates of 2 knots at springs. The currents on both sides of the approach channel are affected by eddies. Close inside the entrance of the lough, the currents diminish in strength and gradually become weaker as the entrance of the River Foyle is approached.

Depths—Limitations.—The channel leading to the entrance of the river and then to the facilities at Lisahally Terminal is reported (1994) to be dredged to a depth of 8m. The channel between this terminal and the Port of Londonderry is reported (1995) to have a least dredged depth of 4.5m.

Aspect.—The high and steep cliffs of Inishowen Head are conspicuous from seaward. Inishowen Light is shown from a conspicuous tower, 23m high, standing on Dunagree Point, 0.5 mile S of the head. A disused light tower stands close ENE of the light. A lighted approach buoy is moored about 2 miles NE of Inishowen Head.

A light is shown from a tower, 8m high, standing on Warren Point, 1.4 miles SW of Dunagree Point. An old fort, a castle in ruins, a white tower, and a church tower all stand near the coast in the vicinity of Greencastle, 1 mile SW of Warren Point.

The coast rises gradually inland to the peaks of the mountain range which forms the W side of the lough. Crocknasmug, the principal peak in the vicinity, rises 1.5 miles W of Inishowen Head and is 326m high.

The SE side of the entrance is low and sandy. A conspicuous martello tower and several low buildings are situated on Magilligan Point. A lighted beacon stands 0.2 mile NNW of the tower. The loom of the bright lights at the prison, which is situated 1.2 miles SSE of Magilligan Point, can be seen for many miles to seaward.

The channel through the lough is marked by lighted beacons, lighted buoys, and lighted ranges. Caution is necessary as it has been reported (1997) that the fixed structures are in poor condition.

Pilotage.—Pilotage is compulsory for vessels over 50m in length. Londonderry Port and Harbor Commissioners are the Pilotage Authority.

The pilot station is located at **Greencastle** (55°12'N., 6°59'W.), on the NW shore, about 0.5 mile inside the entrance to the lough.

The pilot station, call sign “Foyle Pilots,” maintains VHF watch from Monday to Friday between 0900 and 1700. The pilot vessel is equipped with VHF.

Owners, agents, or masters should notify the pilot station during working hours of the name of the vessel, draft, and ETA off **Moville** (55°11'N., 7°03'W.), which is approximately 2.5 miles within the entrance. Outside working hours this information should be passed to the Harbor Master's office. VHF communication should be established as soon as possible.

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