

Leaving Gut Buoy (Waypoint A) at **2 hours before High Water Liverpool** a vessel should head in an East North Easterly direction to Waypoint E, to leave the 3 starboard hand perches approx 3 or 4 boat lengths to starboard and then continue upstream between the perches.

Note - For approximate depth at High Water in Preston Marina entrance and its immediate approaches, consult predicted tide height at Liverpool and deduct 6m.
Before planning an approach compare this depth with your vessel's draft.

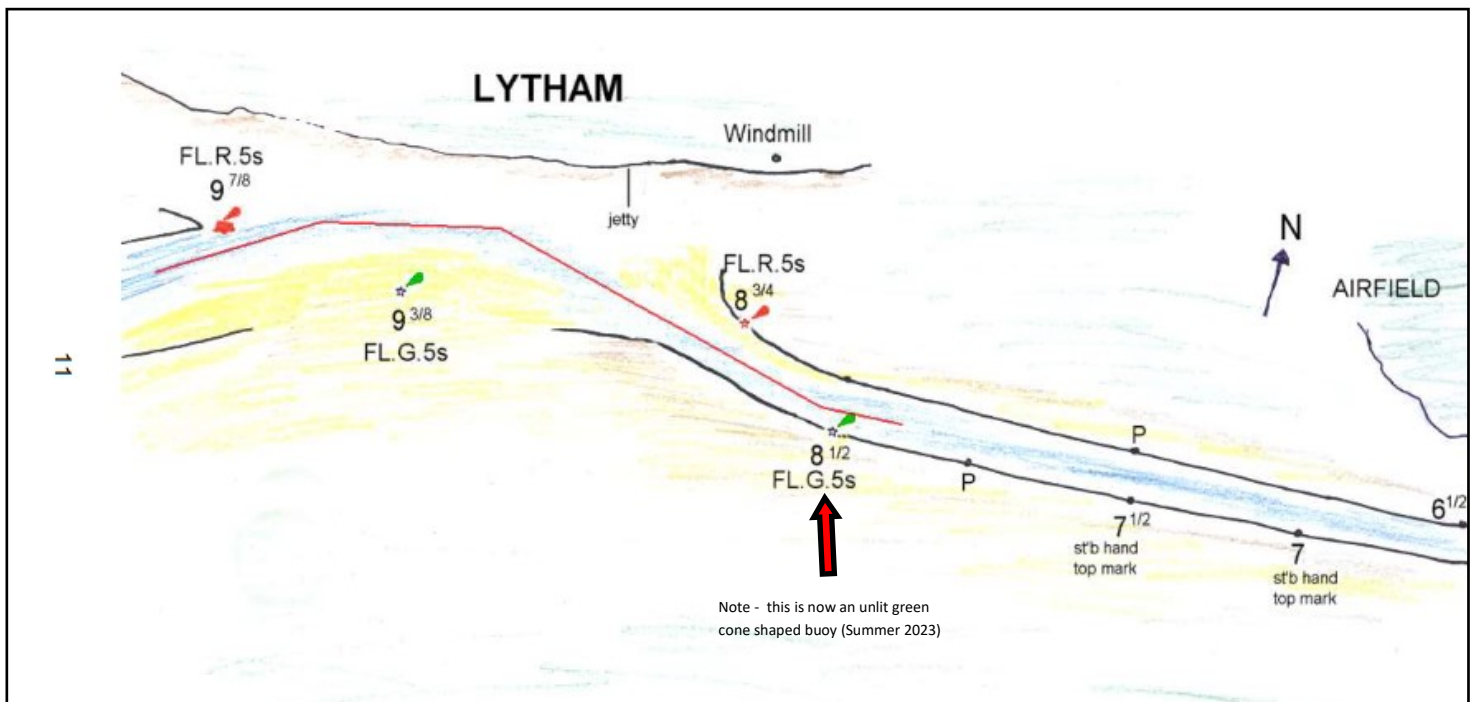
The "Lytham Bend"

Extracted from The Ribble Pilot Book – by John Eccles in 2010 (Written from the perspective of coming in from the sea)

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"Having passed the 9 7/8M (red can) buoy keep to the north side of the channel until you have the 9 3/8M perch abeam when you can shape up for the 8 1/2M perch (*NOTE – NOW A GREEN UNLIT CONE BUOY AS AT SUMMER 2023*), passing various moorings, (as a guide if the weather is clear, you can aim for the communication mast on WINTER HILL, after just passing the 9 3/8M perch, track about 110 degrees True).

If proceeding up River to Freckleton creek, the River Douglas or Preston, once east of the 8 1/2M perch (*NOW GREEN BUOY*), which should be passed fairly close to, keep in the middle of the channel up to the "Naze" the 5th mile perch on the south side is the marker for the junction of the River Douglas, which you leave to Port if you are going up the River Douglas to Hesketh Bank or Tarleton."



The bend at Lytham at low water, looking EAST