

The control building with its cables into the sound.



The lighthouse appears repeatedly.

# **FACT FILE**

#### Distance

Rona is 8km long and lies 1km off Raasay.

# Transport

There is no public transport.

### Youth Hostel

Raasay Youth Hostel is 17km away.

#### **Campsites**

There are campsites 14km away at Applecross, 15km away at Achachork and 13km away at Staffin.

#### OS 1:50,000 Sheet

24 Raasay & Applecross

#### **Admiralty Charts**

2210 Approaches to Inner Sound (1:50,000) 2479 Inner Sound - Northern Part (1:18,000) 2480 Inner Sound - Central Part (1:25,000) 2534 Plans in the Sound of Raasay. Loch a' Bhràige (1:7,500)

# Tidal Constant

L a'Bhràige Dover -0420

# Sea Area

Hebrides

#### Submarine Areas

Portree

Rona South

Raasay

#### Lifeboats

All weather lifeboat: Portree

#### Connection

Isle of Raasay - See Coastal Scotland p125

Cow Rock attract otters and common seals, Ron-y meaning seal island. What appears to be a cormorant with wings spread to dry is actually a solar panel on Sgeir Shuas. Even a concrete block is worthy of being marked on charts.

The skyline changes from Lewis in the Outer Hebrides to the distinctive Wester Ross peaks on turning into Inner Sound, where flows are to 2km/h. The water is to 283m deep and this is a submarine exercise range. A low building

between another tidal pond and the lighthouse has numerous cables running down into the sea.

The east side of the island is steeper than the west and has less in the way of inlets and skerries. A conspicuous conical structure and solar panel stand on Rubha Chèiltairbh, inland from which a township is hidden. The island's highest point is 125m Meall Acairseid.

Warriors Cave or Church Cave was last used in the 19th century. As well as rock pews it has a font fed by water dripping from above.

The shielings of Doine na Guaile were used by crofters evicted from Raasay during the Clearances. Blackbacked gulls are likely to be present with urchins and lion's mane jellyfish.

Áhead are the Cuillin although only 1km offshore the water is 321m deep.



The east side of Rona, leading down to the Cuillin.