

Vice-Admiral John Charles O'Brien, OC, CD
Commander – Maritime Command
19 July 1966 to 06 July 1970

Born: 16/02/1918 Hove, Sussex, United Kingdom
 Married: Stephanie Frances Swire
 Died: 24/03/1996 Ottawa, Ontario

Honours

27/06/1970	OC	Officer of the Order of Canada	Rear-Admiral
31/08/1973	Grand Officer	Order of Merit for the Italian Republic (Italy)	Rear-Admiral

Military

1935	Cadet	Royal Military College
20/08/1937	Cadet	Special entry No.43 – HMS Erebus (Training)
07/09/1937	Cadet	HMS Excellent (Portsmouth)
11/01/1938	Cadet	<i>HMS Vindictive</i> (former cruiser – training)
01/09/1938	Midshipman	<i>HMS Royal Sovereign</i> (Battleship)
29/12/1938	Midshipman	<i>HMS Berwick</i> (Heavy Cruiser) (for training)
01/09/1939	A/Sub-Lt	Promoted
27/05/1940	A/Sub-Lt	1 st Lieutenant small Dutch vessel at Dunkirk
04/06/1940	A/Sub-Lt	End time in small Dutch vessel
01/09/1940	Sub-Lieutenant	<i>HMCS Saguenay</i> (Destroyer)
01/03/1941	Lieutenant	<i>HMCS Saguenay</i> (Destroyer)
1941	Lieutenant	Signals Officer Course in the U.K.
1942	Lieutenant	4 th RN Flotilla Signals Officer Sicily Landing
1945	A/LCdr	Promoted – Deputy Director of Signals Division
1946	A/LCdr	Royal Navy Signal Book Committee
18/12/1946	A/LCdr	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Crescent</i> (Destroyer)
04/01/1948	A/LCdr	End term as CO <i>HMCS Crescent</i> (Destroyer)
10/01/1948	A/LCdr	HMCS Stadacona OIC Communication School
01/09/1948	Lt-Commander	To HMCS Cornwallis
01/07/1951	Commander	Promoted
1953	Commander	Executive Officer HMCS Stadacona
1954	Commander	Executive Officer <i>HMCS Magnificent</i> (Carrier)
01/07/1955	Captain	Promoted – NSHQ as Director of Naval Training
1957	Captain	NSHQ – Director Naval Communications
12/09/1959	Captain	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Bonaventure</i> (Carrier)
29/08/1961	Captain	End term as CO <i>HMCS Bonaventure</i> (Carrier)
27/09/1961	Commodore	Naval Member Cdn Joint Staff Washington
1964	Commodore	Senior Canadian Officer Afloat (Atlantic)
19/07/1966	Rear-Admiral	Commander Maritime Command
15/09/1968	Vice-Admiral	Commander Maritime Command
1970	Vice-Admiral	Commandant NATO Defence College Rome Italy
1973	Vice-Admiral	Retired



**Vice-Admiral John Charles (“Scruffy”) O’BRIEN, OC, CD
Commander Maritime Command (0-55950)**

Citation to the Officer of the Order of Canada (OC) Vice-Admiral
“For his services in the Canadian Armed Forces and especially for his leadership as
Commander of Maritime Command during a period of reorganization.”



Medals of Vice-Admiral John Charles O’Brien, OC, CD

- Officer of the Order of Canada
- 1939-1945 Star
- Atlantic Star
- African Star
- Italy Star
- Defence Medal
- CVSM and Clasp
- 1939-1945 War Medal
- Special Service Medal bar NATO
- EIIR Coronation
- Centennial Medal
- EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal
- Canada 125 Medal
- CD (GVI) and 2 bars
- Grand Officer Order of Merit for the Italian Republic (Italy)

