

**Vice-Admiral Douglas Seaman Boyle, CMM, CD**  
**Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)**  
**21 August 1973 to 14 June 1977**

Born: 29/11/1923 Revelstoke, B.C.  
 Daughters: 5 All of whom joined the Naval Reserve  
 Son: 1 \ He wasn't fond of women in the navy!  
 Died: 23/07/2001 Ottawa, Ontario



**Honours**

09/11/1944	MID	Mentioned in Despatches	Sub-Lieutenant
19/06/1976	CMM	Commander Order of Military Merit	Vice-Admiral

**Military**

01/04/1939	Officer Cadet	RNR	HMS Conway
01/01/1941	Naval Cadet	RCN	Transfer to RCN – Special Entry #53 RNCC
1941	Naval Cadet	RCN	<i>HMS Diomedé</i> \ Royal Naval College Canada
02/09/1942	Midshipman	RCN	<i>HMS Diomedé</i> (Lt Cruiser) \ Dartmouth, N.S.
01/05/1943	A/Sub-Lt	RCN	<i>HMS Wolsey</i> (Destroyer) and Promoted
16/09/1943	Lieutenant	RCN	Courses with the Royal Navy
15/11/1943	Lieutenant	RCN	<i>HMCS Chaudière</i> (Destroyer) (MID)
04/05/1945	Lieutenant	RCN	<i>HMCS Ontario</i> (Light Cruiser)
1945	Lieutenant	RCN	Staff of RCNCC at Royal Roads
1947	Lieutenant	RCN	HMS Dryad for Long Navigation Course
1947	Lieutenant	RCN	HMCS Ontario (Cruiser) Direction Officer
1948	Lieutenant	RCN	NSHQ Staff Officer Navigation Direction
1950	Lieutenant	RCN	HMCS Naden as Staff Officer Nav & Direct
16/09/1951	Lt-Commander	RCN	HMS Dryad Advanced (Dagger) Navigation Course
1952	Lt-Commander	RCN	<i>HMCS Magnificent</i> (Aircraft Carrier) Navigation Officer
1953	Lt-Commander	RCN	Naval Member Cdn Joint Staff London
1954	Lt-Commander	RCN	Royal Naval Staff Course
1955	Lt-Commander	RCN	NSHQ Deputy Director of Naval Training
01/01/1954	Commander	RCN	NSHQ Deputy Director of Naval Training
06/09/1957	Commander	RCN	<b>Commanding Officer</b> <i>HMCS Athabaskan</i> (Tribal)
01/03/1959	Commander	RCN	End CO <i>HMCS Athabaskan</i> (Tribal Destroyer)
02/03/1959	Commander	RCN	<b>Commanding Officer</b> <i>HMCS Saguenay</i> (DDE)
14/10/1959	Commander	RCN	End term as CO <i>HMCS Saguenay</i> (DDE)
1959	Commander	RCN	Assistant COS Training & Admin Flag Officer Pacific Coast
01/01/1964	Captain	RCN	<b>Commander</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Escort Squadron
1964	Captain	RCN	NDHQ Director of Naval Training
1964	Captain	RCN	NDHQ Director Senior Appointments (Navy)
01/07/1966	Commodore	RCN	NDHQ Director General Postings & Careers
1969	Commodore	RCN	Imperial Defence College
1970	Commodore	RCN	<b>Commander</b> NATO Standing Force Atlantic
1971	Commodore	RCN	NDHQ Director General Plans and Production
01/05/1972	Rear-Admiral	RCN	NDHQ Chief of Personnel Cdn Armed Forces
1973	Rear-Admiral	RCN	<b>Commander Maritime Command</b> plus
07/07/1975	Vice-Admiral	RCN	\ NATO Commander Cdn Sub-area Atlantic
1977	Vice-Admiral	RCN	Retired

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**Civilian**

1978	Marine Consultant	
1986	President	German & Miln Inc.
1986	& Executive VP	Energy Conversion Systems, Power Systems Inc
1989	Retired	Retired

Citation for **Mentioned in Despatches** Lieutenant HMCS Chaudiere

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**" describes the sinking of **U-744** by C-2 Support Group on 6 March 1944 in the Atlantic.

**HMCS Chaudiere** was part of C-2 Support Group.

Awarded **Commander - Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 19 June 1976 in the rank of Vice-Admiral and Commander, Maritime Command.

**Medals:**

Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)

1939-1945 Star

Atlantic Star with bar France & Germany

Defence Medal

CVSM with Clasp

1939-1945 War Medal with MID

EIIR Coronation Medal

Centennial Medal

CD (George VI) and 2 Bars



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