



The Robert I. Hendy Award

The Robert I. Hendy Award is awarded by the Navy League's National Board of Directors to individuals who have accomplished feats or achievements of national or international significance in the area of maritime affairs.

Only one award will be approved per annum. Should there be no suitable applicant; the award may not be presented.

Background

The award is named after Commodore Robert Ian Hendy, VRD, CD, QC, D.Sc Mil (1916-1994).

Comdr Hendy joined the RCNVR in 1936. During WWII, he served aboard HMC Ships "Assiniboine", "Annapolis" and "Prince Robert" as well as HMS Revenge. After the war he continued to serve in the reserves, eventually commanding HMCS York from 1951-1955. In 1955 he was promoted to Commodore and appointed Senior Naval Officer Toronto, a position he held until his retirement in 1962. [Despite the unfortunate acronym, SNOT was a key position, serving as the Navy's ambassador to business and civic leaders in the GTA – something we should be doing today!]

Comdr Hendy served in The Navy League of Canada from 1951 until his death in 1994. He was our National President from 1976-1978. A long time promoter of Canada's maritime interests, Comdr Hendy was the first recipient of the Admiral's Medal for Maritime Affairs in 1985 and he received an Honourary Doctorate in Military Sciences from the Royal Military College in 1989.

Previous Recipients

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| 2000 Dr. Peter Haydon | 2010 The Honorable, Senator William Rompkey |
| 2001 RAdm Tim Porter | 2011 The Honorable, RAdm (Ret'd) Fred Mifflin |
| 2002 VAdm Ron Buck | 2012 CPO1 Bullen, Desorsey, Feltham and Riefesel |
| 2003 Herbert and Diane Stuemmer | 2013 H/Capt(N) Bill Wilson |
| 2004 Dr. Richard Gimblett | 2014 Comdr Rene Marin |
| 2005 VAdm Peter Cairns | 2015 The Honorable, Senator Terry Mercer |
| 2006 The Honorable, Senator Colin Kenny | 2016 Commodore Brian Santarpia |
| 2007 Capt(N) Peter Avis | 2017 VAdm Larry Murray, OC |
| 2008 Cdr (Ret'd) Alec Douglas, PhD | 2018 CORK (Sail Kingston) |
| 2009 Dr. Rob Hubert | 2019 Deputy Commissioner Andy Smith, CCG |
| | 2021 Cdr Corey Gleason, RCN |