
LONGEST-TENURED
CAPTAINS
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As of Sept. 29, 2026

CURRENT NHL CAPTAINS

Player	Team	Start Date	Age at Start	First Season	Seasons*
Sidney Crosby	Pittsburgh Penguins	5/31/2007	19, 297	2007-08	20
Alex Ovechkin	Washington Capitals	1/5/2010	24, 110	2009-10	18
Gabriel Landeskog	Colorado Avalanche	9/4/2012	19, 286	2012-13	15
Jamie Benn	Dallas Stars	9/19/2013	24, 63	2013-14	14
Connor McDavid	Edmonton Oilers	10/5/2016	19, 266	2016-17	11
Roman Josi	Nashville Predators	9/19/2017	27, 110	2017-18	10
Aleksander Barkov	Florida Panthers	9/17/2018	23, 15	2018-19	9
Jordan Staal	Carolina Hurricanes	9/29/2019	31, 19	2019-20	8
Jared Spurgeon	Minnesota Wild	1/3/2021	31, 35	2020-21	7
Mark Stone	Vegas Golden Knights	1/13/2021	28, 245	2020-21	7
Nico Hischier	New Jersey Devils	2/20/2021	22, 47	2020-21	7
Nick Suzuki	Montreal Canadiens	9/12/2022	23, 33	2022-23	5
Adam Lowry	Winnipeg Jets	9/12/2023	30, 167	2023-24	4
Mikael Backlund	Calgary Flames	9/27/2023	34, 194	2023-24	4
Sean Couturier	Philadelphia Flyers	2/15/2024	31, 70	2023-24	4
Auston Matthews	Toronto Maple Leafs	8/14/2024	26, 332	2024-25	3
Victor Hedman	Tampa Bay Lightning	9/18/2024	33, 275	2024-25	3
Rasmus Dahlin	Buffalo Sabres	9/26/2024	24, 166	2024-25	3
Clayton Keller	Utah Mammoth	10/4/2024	26, 67	2024-25	3
Jordan Eberle	Seattle Kraken	10/8/2024	34, 146	2024-25	3
J.T. Miller	New York Rangers	9/16/2025	32, 186	2025-26	2
Robert Thomas	St. Louis Blues	9/2/2026	27, 62	2026-27	1
Bo Horvat	New York Islanders	9/14/2026	31, 162	2026-27	1
Connor Bedard	Chicago Blackhawks	9/15/2026	21, 60	2026-27	1
Drew Doughty	Los Angeles Kings	9/16/2026	36, 282	2026-27	1
Mikael Granlund	Anaheim Ducks	9/22/2026	34, 208	2026-27	1
Macklin Celebrini	San Jose Sharks	9/25/2026	20, 104	2026-27	1
David Pastrnak	Boston Bruins	9/27/2026	30, 125	2026-27	1
Thomas Chabot	Ottawa Senators	9/29/2026	29, 242	2026-27	1

**Includes 2026-27; Age in years, days*

LONGEST-TENURED CAPTAINS, NHL HISTORY *(**bold** indicates captain of their current franchise)*

Captain	Franchise	First Season	Last Season	Seasons*
Sidney Crosby	**Pittsburgh Penguins**	**2007-08**	**2026-27**	20
Steve Yzerman	Detroit Red Wings	1986-87	2005-06	19
Alex Ovechkin	**Washington Capitals**	**2009-10**	**2026-27**	**18**
Joe Sakic	Colorado Avalanche	1992-93	2008-09	16
Gabriel Landeskog	**Colorado Avalanche**	**2012-13**	**2026-27**	**15**
Jonathan Toews	Chicago Blackhawks	2008-09	2022-23	15
Ray Bourque	Boston Bruins	1985-86	1999-00	15
Jamie Benn	**Dallas Stars**	**2013-14**	**2026-27**	**14**
Zdeno Chara	Boston Bruins	2006-07	2019-20	14
Shane Doan	Arizona Coyotes	2003-04	2016-17	13
Daniel Alfredsson	Ottawa Senators	1999-00	2012-13	13
Ryan Getzlaf	Anaheim Ducks	2010-11	2021-22	12
Mikko Koivu	Minnesota Wild	2008-09	2019-20	12
Scott Stevens	New Jersey Devils	1992-93	2003-04	12
Alex Delvecchio	Detroit Red Wings	1962-63	1973-74	12
George Armstrong	Toronto Maple Leafs	1957-58	1968-69	12
Connor McDavid	**Edmonton Oilers**	**2016-17**	**2026-27**	**11**
Steven Stamkos	Tampa Bay Lightning	2013-14	2023-24	11
Rod Langway	Washington Capitals	1982-83	1992-93	11
Bill Cook	New York Rangers	1926-27	1936-37	11
Roman Josi	**Nashville Predators**	**2017-18**	**2026-27**	**10**
Anze Kopitar	Los Angeles Kings	2016-17	2025-26	10
Claude Giroux	Philadelphia Flyers	2012-13	2021-22	10
Mats Sundin	Toronto Maple Leafs	1997-98	2007-08	10



Jean Beliveau	Montreal Canadiens	1961-62	1970-71	10
Hap Day	Toronto Maple Leafs	1927-28	1936-37	10

**Consecutive seasons as captain (i.e., no replacement to break up tenure); Includes 2026-27, excludes 2004-05*

YOUNGEST CAPTAINS, NHL HISTORY *(**bold** indicates active player; Age in years, days)*

Player	Team	Birth Date	Captaincy Date	Age When Named
Brian Bellows*	Minnesota North Stars	9/1/1964	1/6/1984	19, 127
Connor McDavid	**Edmonton Oilers**	**1/13/1997**	**10/5/2016**	**19, 266**
Gabriel Landeskog	**Colorado Avalanche**	**11/23/1992**	**9/4/2012**	**19, 286**
Sidney Crosby	**Pittsburgh Penguins**	**8/7/1987**	**5/31/2007**	**19, 297**
Vincent Lecavalier	Tampa Bay Lightning	4/21/1980	3/10/2000	19, 324
Jonathan Toews	Chicago Blackhawks	4/29/1988	7/18/2008	20, 80
Macklin Celebrini	**San Jose Sharks**	**6/13/2006**	**9/25/2026**	**20, 104**
Trevor Linden**	Vancouver Canucks	4/11/1970	10/3/1990	20, 175
Kirk Muller	New Jersey Devils	2/8/1966	6/18/1987	21, 130
Steve Yzerman	Detroit Red Wings	5/9/1965	10/7/1986	21, 151
Ryan Walter***	Washington Capitals	4/23/1958	10/11/1979	21, 171

**Bellows was named interim captain after Craig Hartsburg required knee surgery*
***Linden named co-captain (w/ Doug Lidster & Dan Quinn).*
****Walter named captain privately before 1979-80 (date listed is Washington's season opener)*