



2015 ASTORIA REGATTA

GRAND MARSHAL WILLIS VAN DUSEN

Willis L. Van Dusen was elected mayor of Astoria in 1990 and served as mayor for 24 years. He was on the City Council for six years prior to that. Van Dusen has united disparate groups to complete countless community projects, including the Garden of Surging Waves Chinese Heritage Park, restoration of the Astoria Column, the Astoria Riverfront Trolley, the Astoria Aquatic Center and the CMH Sports Complex.

The Van Dusen family arrived in Astoria in 1847 and established Oregon's Oldest Family Business in 1849. Originally Van Dusen Mercantile, the business evolved and has been the local Pepsi-Cola and Dr Pepper bottler since 1947. He is president of Van Dusen Beverages, Inc., as the company is known today.

Van Dusen graduated from the University of Oregon in business administration. He is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Jan Poindexter. Together they have five grown children, one granddaughter and are expecting another grandchild in 2015.

He is president of Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association, a trustee of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, board member of the Oregon Soft Drink Association and board member of the Friends of the Astoria Column.



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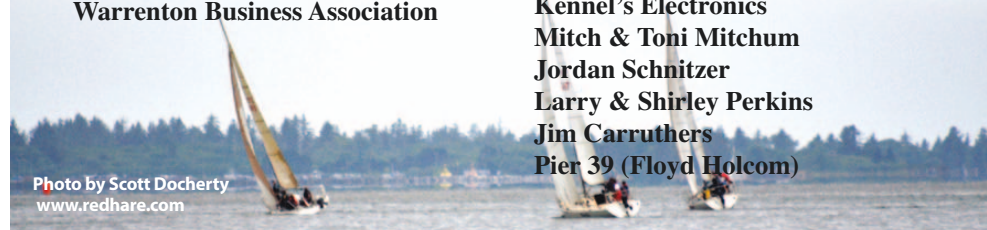


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