

# WaCo Diner

(Maine's Oldest... Since 1924)

## 100 Year Historical Timeline



April 23, 1924  
Nelson **W**atts and Son-In-Law  
Ralph **C**olwell purchase  
cart, and make it a Lunch Cart

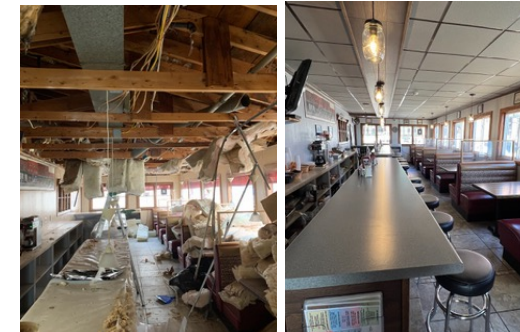
1970  
Lena Thompson  
(wife of the Late Elliott)  
Opens the  
"New" WaCo Diner  
and runs it until her  
passing in 1987

~ 1995  
Nancy Bishop adds the  
Schooner Room  
(Dining Room)  
the Main Deck

2012  
Bob Del Papa  
buys the Waco from  
Nancy Bishop



2020  
Bob Del Papa  
completes "Side Deck"  
designed by Sally Mahoney,  
and built by son Michael  
and his partner Matt Boyle



2023 - 2024  
Michael and Matt complete  
major customer-facing  
refresh and kitchen  
equipment upgrade



1917  
Traveling  
Photographer  
Studio  
(Cart) at current  
WaCo  
Location

April 23, 1955  
Ralph **C**olwell dies,  
his wife  
Beatrice **C**olwell  
takes over the WaCo

Est. 1988  
Mrs. Thompson's children  
run the Diner until  
they sell it to Nancy Bishop

2007  
Dermot and  
Magaly Healey  
run the WaCo  
for Nancy Bishop

July, 2019  
Giant "Eastport, America"  
Adirondack chair  
built by and gifted to  
Bob for his  
80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by his son Michael  
and partner Matt Boyle

2021  
Bob Del Papa  
Completes  
south side  
Kitchen Expansion

July, 2022  
The "Schooner Room" at the WaCo Diner  
opens for Dinners Including specialty  
nights for Tex Mex, Homemade Pasta,  
and Schooner Room Creations  
by "Chef Steve"  
Becomes Eastport's FAVORITE  
dinner spot known for  
Seaside Dining and Cocktails

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
**WaCo Diner**  
**Celebrates**  
**100 Years**

1924  
**W**atts and **C**olwell  
Remove Wheels  
and Enclose  
to become  
the WaCo Diner



1969  
Elliott Thompson  
purchases the original  
WaCo and tears it down to  
do a rebuild, but passes prior  
to it reopening in 1970

2013  
Bob Del Papa adds  
the "Upper Deck"  
and Bar to Dining Room



*The*  
*Schooner Room & Deck*  
Seaside Dining & Cocktails  
At the WaCo Diner (207) 853-9226