



Happy September!

September is always a time of transition. Summer visitors head south, fall settles in, and the sailing season slowly winds down. As the days grow shorter and cooler, the shop begins to feel more inviting. On the morning I wrote this, it was just 45 degrees — soon it will be time to stoke the wood stove!

This August, we sailed *Petrel* (1972), my new 37' Olin Stephens designed Swan, as often as we could. We'll keep her in the water until mid-October, then she'll be hauled out and brought to the shop for the winter.

Some of you may remember *Willow* (1959), my 32' wooden boat, which I sold last year. *Petrel* is "low-maintenance" fiberglass — *no shame in that!* — but she still boasts plenty of beautiful teak trim and interior wood detailing. Of course, every new boat comes with its own to-do list, and hers is growing quickly.

Meanwhile, furniture commissions are already on the fall schedule and we're fulfilling a steady stream of Owl Furniture orders. Lots to keep the shop humming as we head into the cooler months!

Another benchmark of the transitioning season is the [Common Ground Country Fair](#). If you plan to go this weekend, visit our booth in Maine Marketplace East!



Petrel (new family member) with crewmates Belinda, Taco, and Mahi



More crewmates, Paul and Jeff, with Captain Geoff after sailing from Freeport in July, bringing Petrel to her new home in Stonington



At home off the Isle au Haut mailboat dock



Common Ground Country Fair

The 2025 Common Ground Country Fair will be held in Unity, Maine on **September 19, 20, and 21, 2025**. The fairgrounds are open Friday and Saturday 9am to 6pm and Sunday 9am to 5pm.

The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association's (MOFGA) annual celebration of rural living features 1000+ exhibitors and speakers, and emphasizes vibrant communities, sustainable living, and local economies, while highlighting organic agriculture.

Come see Owl Furniture in the Maine Marketplace East! You never know who will be at our booth to greet you!



Thinking About a New Table?

Fall and winter are the seasons for making tables!

We love working with customers to come up with custom designs that fulfill their dreams! And custom tables can be paired with a variety of ergonomic chairs or stools from Owl Furniture. Here's just one example:



View past commissions and learn more on the "[Geoffrey Warner Studio](#)" tab of our website!



Show Schedule

[Common Ground Country Fair](#)

September 19 - September 21

Unity, ME



Paradise City Arts

October 11 - October 13

Northampton, MA

Fine Furnishings Show

November 7 - November 9

Providence, RI



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