

Dad's Favorite Seafood Stew

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Food52 Editors' Comments: WHO: inpatskitchen is an avid FOOD52-er and food blogger -- with fish and seafood retail in her blood. WHAT: A bright, pure seafood stew that comes together in just 20 minutes. HOW: Simmer tomatoes, stock, and wine, add seafood, simmer some more, and garnish. (That's it!) WHY WE LOVE IT: This stew tastes of the sea -- if the sea was delicately perfumed with tomatoes, aromatics, and herbs. Plus, the broth was so good that we drank it on it's own.

Our family was in the retail fish and seafood business for almost 80 years and during the course of time hundreds of seafood recipes were collected, tested and developed. Dad came up with this one years ago and it's been a family favorite for those of us who love the fruits of the sea. An impressive, but easy, company dish for four to six....Serve it up with crusty bread!

Serves 4 to 6

- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 crushed garlic cloves
- 6 peeled and seeded roma tomatoes cut into thin strips
- 1 cup homemade fish stock, purchased seafood stock or clam juice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 pound skinned saltwater fish filets(snapper, sole, halibut, cod) cut into 2 inch chunks
- 16 large peeled and deveined raw shrimp
- 16 sea scallops
- 1/2 cup finely shredded fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
- 1. Heat the oil in a 4 to 6 quart dutch oven or sauce pot. Add the crushed garlic and saute on very low heat for about two minutes or until the garlic is fragrant but not browned.
- 2. Add the tomatoes, stock and wine and simmer for about 10 minutes. (At this point you can cool and refrigerate this if you want to prep a day ahead just reheat before adding the seafood)
- 3. Add the fish and seafood and simmer for about 5 minutes until just done (Don't over cook!). Stir in the parsley and basil and serve immediately (with that crusty bread!!)