

Long Island Cioppino

1/2 cup olive oil
2 cups diced fennel
1 diced large yellow onion
3 diced garlic cloves
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
28 oz. crushed tomatoes
4 cups clam or shrimp stock
1 1/2 cups dry white wine

1 1/2 lbs cubed cod or striped bass 12 dozen little necks 1 lbs sea scallops (cut in half) 1 lbs mussels 1/2 lb. crabmeat teaspoon of chopped parsley and basil Toasted baguette

Sauté the fennel and onion for 10 minutes, add the garlic and red pepper for another 2 minutes. Now add the tomatoes, stock, white wine and black pepper. Let this simmer for about 30 minutes and you will have a wonderful stock.

Add the seafood in this order: Clams and Cod for 4 minutes and then the Scallops and mussels for 4 minutes. If any of the shellfish hasn't opened, discard it.

Ladle this into a bowl and serve with crunchy bread.