## **Shrimp Soup**

## with Tomato Broth

This Shrimp Soup features a rich tomato broth infused with the delicate flavors of lemongrass, ginger, and orange zest. Made with a homemade shrimp stock and seasoned generously with Old Bay, this soup is both hearty and refreshing, offering a sophisticated twist on a classic Maryland-style seafood soup.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 1 hour

1 lb shrimp, peeled and deveined (reserve

shells for stock)

1 med onion, chopped 2 cloves garlic, minced

2 med carrots, diced

2 stalks celery, diced

1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes 4 C shrimp stock (see notes)

1/4 C Lemongrass-Ginger-Orange tea

(brewed and cooled)

1 T fresh ginger, grated

1 stalk lemongrass, finely chopped

Zest of 1 orange

2 T olive oil

2 T tomato paste

2 T Old Bay seasoning

1 t dried thyme

1 t salt

1/2 t black pepper

Fresh parsley, chopped (for garnish)

**PREPARE THE SHRIMP STOCK:** In a large pot, heat olive oil over med heat. Add shrimp shells and cook until pink and fragrant. Add 6 cups of water, bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain and reserve the stock.

**SAUTÉ THE AROMATICS:** In a large pot, heat olive oil over med heat. Add onion, garlic, carrots, and celery. Sauté until softened.

**ADD TOMATO PASTE AND SPICES**: Stir in tomato paste, Old Bay seasoning, thyme, salt, and pepper. Cook for 2 minutes.

**ADD TOMATOES AND STOCK**: Add diced tomatoes, shrimp stock, Lemongrass-Ginger-Orange tea, fresh ginger, lemongrass, and orange zest. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

**COOK THE SHRIMP**: Add the shrimp and cook until pink and opaque, about 3-5 minutes.