

CHEF TYLER'S CONCH FRITTERS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound cleaned conch meat
- ½ cup Spanish onion, finely diced
- ¼ cup celery, finely diced
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ³⁄₄ teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¹/₂ cup soda water
- ¹/₂ cup cold beer (we used Cape Cod Beach <u>Blonde Ale)</u>
- 6 cups frying oil (approximately)



PREPARATION:

- 1. Rinse the conch with cold water.
- 2. Once clean, blanch in well-salted boiling water for 2-3 minutes.
- 3. Allow to cool.
- 4. With a sharp knife, remove the foot and outer layer of gray as well as organs.
 Once all the tough meat has been removed, pound the flesh with a meat tenderizer and dice.
- 5. Reserve meat.
- 6. In a mixing bowl, combine vegetables, thyme, and eggs. Mix.
- 7. Add conch and mix well.
- 8. Add flour and stir until well combined.
- 9. Add soda and beer.
- 10. Stir until a thick, but still liquid, mixture has formed.

Time to cook!

- 1. Heat the frying oil to 350 degrees.
- 2. Using a 1/2 ounce cookie scoop, scoop the batter and place into hot oil. Don't crowd the oil. Allow the fritters room to float freely.
- Cook for 4-5 minutes, until cooked through. Ensure all sides are cooked, turning or flipping as needed.



BACON AND LEEK SOUBISE

(ORIGINALLY SERVED AS A SAUCE FOR CHEF TYLER'S CONCH FRITTERS)

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large leek, green removed
- 1 medium Spanish onion
- 1 ¹/₂ cups heavy cream
- 3 strips of bacon
- 2 tablespoons butter
- salt to taste
- pinch of fresh thyme

PREPARATION:

- 1. Wash the leek, peel the outer layer of the onion.
- 2. Thinly slice leek and onion.
- 3. Heat a large pot over medium heat and gently cook the bacon strips.
- 4. Remove bacon strips from pot and reserve.
- Add butter, leeks, and onions to the pot. Cook over medium heat for 10-20 minutes, stirring often until most of their liquid has cooked off. Do not allow to brown.
- 6. Add cream and bring to a low boil.
- 7. Add thyme and chopped bacon. Simmer for 5-10 minutes and remove from heat.
- 8. Transfer entire contents to a blender and buzz until smooth. Salt to taste.



