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## Outer Banks Clam Chowder

Yield: 4 servings.

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 large yellow onions, chopped
- 2 large russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 (8-ounce) bottles clam juice
- 4 cups seafood stock
- 2 dozen fresh clams, shucked and chopped, or 2 (6.5-ounce) cans chopped clams, juice reserved

Salt and pepper to taste Fresh chives, chopped

In a soup pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions and cook until lightly browned. Add potatoes, clam juice, and seafood stock. Continue to cook until potatoes are just fork-tender. Add clams and reserved juice. Bring to a simmer and cook until clams are done, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with chives.

