

Jug Bay

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**June 7
Sunday**



The Chase, aka the longest continually running orienteering race in the USA, + Annual Meeting + **Potluck Picnic** + lots more, as QOC's 2014-2015 Sept - June season comes to a close! Newcomers are welcome - we'll have plenty of challenges, suited for all levels from beginner to advanced. And if you've been contemplating trying a harder level course? Well, according to our esteemed course setter, there are unlikely to be any set of courses that will be easier than the ones at Jug Bay to support moving up to a more advanced level.

As is the tradition of this event, there will be a common mass start at High Noon for all courses. Those missing The Chase mass start may still go out but must return by 3:00 PM. There will be a beginner/white course (of ~2 km), a short orange course (also ~2 km), and two advanced loops (of about 2 and 3 km). The longest version of the chase will be 3 loops and should be slightly less than 7 km. By omitting certain loops, this means there are basically three advanced course options: short (3 km), medium (5 km) or long (7 km).

Pre-register Now! This event is free to all members who pre-register, and even non-members get a discount if they pre-register. Pre-registration closes at midnight June 5. You can register at the event, but at regular event prices, so why not help us and save some \$ by registering now by clicking [here](#) [2] ?

Sorry, but dogs are not allowed at Jug Bay, for their sake and the sake of numerous traps and food caches used in ongoing studies by the Univ. of MD and the Smithsonian.

So here's how the event will run, at least in theory:

- We've been asked to repeat this, so here goes: **No pets are allowed in the park. No exceptions.**
- Convenient parking is a bit limited so carpooling is encouraged (and in some cases, so are



designated drivers!)

- Please don't wait until the last moment to show up since everyone needs to be registered well in advance of the mass start.
- The (brief) Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will take place prior to the start of the Chase.
- Beginner instruction (about orienteering, not, drinking) will take place from 11 - 11:30 (only).
- Each color course includes different loops.
- Everyone on a given course does their loops in the same order.
- Maps will be handed out at the starting line; don't look at the side with the squiggly brown lines until the starters gun goes off.
- You will need to have a cup filled with your "race beverage" of choice in hand; we'll have water, soda, and beer (adults only).
- The mass start will take place at noon.
- When the race starts, empty your cup, throw it with style to the ground, turn over and look at your map (that means turn the map over, not, turn your body over), and figure out where to go. Or, just follow someone and hope for the best. Every orienteer does that now and then, so why not here and now?
- In contrast to most orienteering races, following someone is OK in this race.
- After finding your controls/checkpoints in the correct order, you'll wind up back at the start area.
- After that, quaff another cup of your beverage of choice before heading out with your next map.
- The finish of each loop is just a short way away from the start triangle of the next loop, but all loops start and finish in the same place. The start is just up the hill from the finish. Repeat this process until you've completed all your required loops.
- Time stops when you've quaffed the last drop from your beverage of choice after your last run in to the start/finish area.

Post Chase: Annual PICNIC and AWARDS CEREMONY

Recognition of Course Setters/Meet Directors

Volunteer of the Year Award

QOC will provide beverages, desserts and paper goods. People should bring picnic foods to share at this potluck. Grills will be available and BBQing is encouraged! Please bring water shoes if you want to go into the water because of broken glass on the river bottom. And bring your family, chairs to sit on, sun block and bug spray. Feel free to bring kayaks or canoes if you would like to enjoy the waters of Jug Bay.

Plan now to hang around afterwards for the food and drinks, and to hear about all the great plans for our upcoming Sept. 2015 - June 2016 season!



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Location

[Jug Bay, Caretaker's House Area, Bristol, MD \(It's A Party!\)](#)

Registration

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