

Jug Bay

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**June 6
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, May 31 at 6pm and will close at 6pm June 5. There will be no day-of registration.

Welcome back to Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary for 45th annual Chase, the second-longest continually running annual non-championship Orienteering race in the United States.

The Chase returns once again celebrating QOC's successful 2020-2021 September - June season. With widespread successful vaccinations and state and local relaxations on COVID risk reduction protocols **we look forward to having an almost-normal Chase event.**

The event will center on a Mass Start at 11:00 AM. This is an hour earlier than our usual Mass Start. Starts will be allowed as early as 10 AM, for those not comfortable with the Mass Start format – and of course, starts will be allowed after the Mass Start until 1:30 PM.

This event is free to all registered QOC members. Non-members can register at standard QOC member rates.

Newcomers are welcome and courses will be suited for all levels from beginner to advanced.

Sorry, **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 University of Maryland and the Smithsonian.

Schedule of Events

9:30 AM – Early start check in and map issue opens.

10:00 AM – Courses open for early starts

10:30 AM – Early Starts end.

10:45 AM – Map Issue and Pre-Race Brief

11:00 AM – Mass Start for The Chase

11:15 AM – Courses open for late starts

1:30 PM – Last Start

3:00 PM – Courses Close / Control Pickup begins



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, where appropriate, is encouraged
- **Parking Update: the majority of our parking will be in a new area. Instead of the area near the caretaker's house, most vehicles will park near the northern barn, located just west of River Farm Road's turn to the Southwest near the north end of the fenced community garden.** Carpooling is still encouraged.
- Note that if you're arriving after 10 AM, be alert for runners on the entrance road.
- Please don't wait until the last moment to show up since everyone needs to check in with the e-punch team well in advance of the mass start.
- The size of start teams (groups of individuals orienteering together with one e-punch) on a course must be no more than four (4) individuals (juniors and adults combined).
- There is no planned, on-site beginner instruction, but beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one](#) [2] created by QOC's instructional guru David Onkst.
- Water will not be provided on the courses, but will be available at the start and finish.

What's different this year?

After the loss of most early 2020 events and the [COVID risk reduction](#) [3] protocols used throughout the 2020-2021 season, it seems appropriate to take advantage of the recent relaxations and have a mostly normal event. However, some traditional Chase elements won't happen at Jug Bay this year. These include:

- No Potluck. No Picnic. No Party.
- Although we are not having the open potluck and party, the picnic tables at our event will be open for personal use.
- No Annual General Meeting. Look for an event in the Fall.
- No elections. Look for future updates.
- Option to avoid the Mass Start by starting early or later.
- No beginner instruction.

We've gotten some questions on **mask requirements**, so here are the answers:

- QOC is holding this event in accordance with the health orders of the [State of Maryland](#) [4] and [Anne Arundel County](#) [5].
- Within those orders, the situations where masks remain required are pretty limited.
- This outdoor event is free from a requirement to wear masks.
- Those who are not yet vaccinated are encouraged to wear masks in outdoor settings where social distancing is not possible.

We will have some personal protective equipment supplies on hand, if needed.

Detailed course notes are provided below.

Event Overview

- 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 squiggly brown lines until the start is announced.
- You will need to have a cup filled with your "race beverage" of choice in hand; we'll have water and beer (adults only).
- The mass start will take place at 11 AM.
- When the race starts, empty your cup (into you), 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... if you dare. **Hint:** see also the Course Setter's notes below.
- After finding your controls in the correct order, you'll wind up back at the starting area.
- Punch the Quaffing Zone Entry control as you enter the beverage area
- After that, quaff another cup of your beverage of choice
- And punch the Quaffing Zone exit control before heading out for your next loop.
- The finish of each loop is near 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 after you've quaffed the last drop** from your beverage of choice **AND have punched the finish control.**

Have any questions? Feel free to reach out to our [Event Director](#) [6] or for general questions, just use our [Contact Us](#) [7] form.

Location

Jug Bay, Caretaker's House Area, Bristol, MD
(Classic)

Registration