



Jug Bay

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**June 5
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, May 30 at 6pm and will close at Noon Saturday June 4. There will not be day-of registration.

Welcome back to Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary for 46th 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 2021-2022 September - June season.

We again look forward to having an almost-normal Chase event.

The event will center on a Mass Start at Noon. 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

9:30am - Early start check in and map issue opens.

10:00 - Courses open for early starts

11:20 - Early Starts end.

11:30 - Annual Meeting / Voting for Board Members

11:50 - Map Issue and Pre-Race Brief

12:00 Noon - Mass Start for The Chase

12:15pm - Courses open for late starts



1:30 - Last Start

3:00 - 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:** the majority of our parking will be in the same area as last year. 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.**
- **Early starters note that you may have to navigate through the Meeting to reach required controls.**
- **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 regardless of our preregistration routine.**
- **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.**

COVID Risk Reduction Protocols:

As with all 2021-2022 QOC events, this event requires pre-registration via the link below. QOC's COVID risk reduction protocols, as also enumerated somewhat [here](#) [3], are in effect. Please read these guidelines carefully. Key points:

- **PROPERLY WORN MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED** at all times when near registration, epunch and any other areas or queues where volunteers and/or participants are congregating.
- **No water will be provided on the courses. Provide for your own hydration needs out on the course, or tough it out until your return to the quaffing zone.**
- **No food or snacks will be provided by QOC, but the picnic tables will be open for use.**

What's different this year?

After the loss of most early 2020 events and the COVID risk reduction protocols used throughout the last two seasons, it seems appropriate to take advantage of those relaxations and have a mostly normal event. However, some traditional Chase elements won't happen at Jug Bay this year. These include:

- **No Potluck.**
- **Although we are not having the open potluck and party, the picnic tables at our event will be open for personal use. QOC is providing beverages. Bring your own food.**
- **Option to avoid the Mass Start by starting early or later.**
- **No beginner instruction.**

Detailed course notes are now available below.

The Annual Meeting of the Quantico Orienteering Club General Membership will take place on Sunday, June 5, 2022 promptly at 11:30 AM in conjunction with the Jug Bay Event in the area of the Caretakers House, Bristol Maryland. The Election of Officers for 2022-2023 Season will take place at the meeting. Members do not need to participate in the Chase event to be able attend the meeting and cast a vote for the slate of officers. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jody Landers, has recommended the following slate of



officers for the coming year.

President: Don Fish

VP of Competition/MD: Craig Sheldon

VP of Competition/Permits - MD: Mike Newman

VP of Competition/VA: Charles Carrick

VP of Competition/Permits - VA: Bill Wright

Treasurer: Karla Hulett

Deputy Treasurer: Dave Levine

Secretary: Beatri Bennett

We would like to thank and acknowledge Laura Linville, who has dutifully and diligently served as the Club Secretary for the past three years and has decided not to stand for re-election this year. We heartily thank Laura for her stalwart service.

The Annual Picnic and Awards Ceremony will take place immediately following the running of the courses. Special thanks and appreciation to Dave Linthicum and Peggy Brosnan for graciously arranging for QOC's use of the Jug Bay area.

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 Noon.

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 the Course Setter's notes below.

After finding your controls in the correct order, you'll wind up back at the starting area.

Some loops will have random controls, but still require passage through the Quaffing Zone between loops.

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](#) [4] or for general questions, just use our [Contact Us](#) [5] form.

Location

**Jug Bay, Caretaker's House Area, Bristol, MD
(Mass Start & Party)**

Registration