

Jug Bay

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**May 21
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, May 15 at 6pm and will close at Noon on Saturday May 20.

There will not be day-of registration.

Welcome back to Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary for 47th 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 2022-2023 season, and full course details are below.

We again look forward to having an a normal Chase event, including the Potluck, Picnic & Party!

The event will center on a Mass Start at Noon. Starts will be allowed as early as 10am, for those not comfortable with the Mass Start format - and of course, starts will be allowed after the Mass Start until 1:30pm.

This event is free to all registered QOC members. Non-members get a discount; for this event, they 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 10am, 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).
- In addition to the Beginner Instruction available at the event, 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 Quaffing Zone (QZ), Start and Finish.

Normal Chase and Picnic



After the loss of most early 2020 events and the COVID protocols used throughout the last two seasons, we're pleased to return to our normal Chase routines! Sharmagh Yepremian has agreed to lead organizing the potluck.

- QOC will provide beverages along with hot dogs and buns.
- We're asking participants to bring salads, desserts, napkins and sodas (or your favorite NA beers?) to share at the potluck.
- The **Potluck Signup form** is [here](#) [3].



Back By Popular Demand - Jersey Orders: Come check out the custom QOC jerseys and confirm your preferred size and style! We'll have them on display at this event after the run. Orders must be placed by May 22; details are [here](#) [4].

BYOB: in this case, meaning Bring Your Own [Boat](#)! Canoes, SUPs and the like are welcome; please use a PDF. FYI, low tide is at 2:30pm.

Hear Ye!, Hear Ye!: The Annual Meeting of the Quantico Orienteering Club General Membership will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2023 promptly at 11:25am in conjunction with the Jug Bay Event in the area of the Caretakers House, Bristol Maryland.

Members do not need to participate in the Chase event to be able attend the meeting and vote. However, if you plan to orienteer, you must pre-register.

The meeting will include two votes: first, the election of officers for the 2023-2024 season, and second, a vote on updating the QOC ByLaws. Both are described fully in [this document](#) [5] (as emailed to all current members) and summarized below.

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: Matt Smith

Treasurer: David Levine

Secretary: Beatri Bennett

We would like to thank and acknowledge the outgoing officers (Karla Hulett, Bill Wright and Dasa Merkova) for their service, and we welcome incoming volunteers listed above as well as Sharmagh Yepremian, who will be our new Outreach/Publicity Director. More details about all to be shared at the event!

As for the ByLaws vote: we are updating them to align with generally accepted nondiscriminatory declarations - see the second page of [this document](#) [5] for full details.

Looking ahead to next season:

The two event Vice Presidents will have the draft schedule available for meet directors and course setters to sign up - so please check your calendars and come ready to help plan next season.

We have some fun events planned, some new approaches to old favorites, and some new terrain - our strength is our volunteers - and we're looking forward to working with you! 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

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).

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.

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.

BLUE Course Orienteers - Make sure your epunch can hold 31 controls - the older ones (SI-8 and lower) can't.

Bee Alert: There are active beehives in or near both of the large barns so keep your distance to avoid unwanted encounters.

And of course make sure to read the course setter comments below!

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
(Mass Start & Party!)

Registration

Registration for this event opens at 6pm on Monday May 15 via [this link](#) [8]. Registration will close at 12 noon on Saturday May 20 (the day before the event). Pre-registration is mandatory.

Who's registered? Check by clicking [here](#) [9].
Sorting by column is possible too - click on the column name.

Start Times