

Patuxent River Park

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June 16
Sunday



The Chase Returns!

To cap off our successful 2023-2024 season, QOC will hold the 48th Annual Chase, the second-longest continually running annual non-championship orienteering race in the United States.

This event is free to all current QOC members and non-members can register at standard QOC member rates. Newcomers are welcome and courses will be suited for all levels from beginner to advanced. Come for the orienteering, stay for the potluck picnic!

Pre-registration is required and will open on Monday, June 10 at 6pm, and close at Noon on Saturday June 15. There will be no registration on the day of the event.

The Chase will feature a Mass Start at Noon. For those not comfortable with the Mass Start format, early starts will be allowed, albeit discouraged, from 10 - 11:15. Late starts will also be allowed from 12:15 - 1:30.

Schedule

9:30am - Early start check in opens

10:00 - Courses open for early starters

11:15 - Early starts end

11:25 - Annual Meeting and Election of Club Officers

11:45 - Pre-Race briefing

11:55 - Walk to beverage and map pickup; continue to start triangle

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

Event notes:

- Course notes and Chase logistics are detailed [here](#) [2].



- Be alert for runners on the entrance road.
- Early starters may have to navigate through the Meeting to reach required controls.
- Come early! Don't wait until the last moment to show up to check in with the e-punch team.
- The size of 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).
- Although we are offering Beginner Instruction, beginners are encouraged to watch relevant videos such as [this one \[3\]](#) created by QOC member David Onkst.
- Water will not be provided on the courses but will be available at the Quaffing Zone, Start, and Finish.



Potluck Picnic

- QOC is providing beverages, hot dogs, buns, and condiments.
- Please bring salads, desserts, napkins, and cold drinks for the potluck (and chairs).
- Sign up to bring a favorite dish/food/etc to the Potluck [here \[4\]](#).

For the Kiddos

A string-o course with fun obstacles will be available for both young orienteers and those who are young at heart.

QOC Jackets

Both windbreaker and softshell QOC jackets can be tried on at this event. Ordering closes June 21; details are on the [clothing webpage \[5\]](#).

The Annual Meeting of the Quantico Orienteering Club General Membership will take place on Sunday, June 16, 2024, promptly at 11:25 AM in conjunction with the Patuxent River Park Event in the area of the Barn and Pavilion, Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro Maryland.

Members do not need to participate in the Chase event in order to attend the meeting and cast their votes. However, if you plan to participate in the event and run a course, **you must pre-register.**

The Election of Officers for 2024-2025 Season will take place at the meeting. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jody Landers, has recommended the following slate of officers for the coming year (full report is [here \[6\]](#)).

President: Don Fish

Vice President Permits - MD: Mike Newman

Co-Vice Presidents Events - MD: David and Reiko Rager

Vice President Events - VA: Matt Smith

Vice President Permits - VA: Dennis Doherty

Secretary: Beátri Bennett

Treasurer: David Levine

Our thanks and appreciation go out to those officers and board members who will be leaving the Board at the end of the season. Thanks to Charles Carrick and Craig Shelden, who have done an outstanding job as the Event Vice Presidents for Virginia and Maryland, respectively. Thanks to all for your service. Lastly, we welcome – David and Reiko Rager as the new co-Vice Presidents of Events for Maryland and Dennis Doherty as Vice President for Permits for Virginia.

Looking ahead to next season:

The Event Vice Presidents will have the draft schedule available for sign up. Please check your calendars and come ready to volunteer for 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 Chase.

Location

Patuxent River Park, Barn parking area, Upper Marlboro, MD (Mass Start & Party!)

Registration

Registration for this event opens at 6pm on Monday June 10 via [this link](#) [7]. Registration will close at 12 noon on Saturday June 15 (the day before the event). Pre-registration is mandatory.

Who's registered? Check by clicking [here](#) [8]. Sorting by column is possible too - click on the column name.

Start Times

Participants will register in advance for one of three start options: Early, Mass Start, Late. The Early and Late options will avoid the Mass Start (but where's the fun in that?)

Schedule

Sunday, June 16 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Mass Start & Party!

Volunteers

Event [Craig Shelden](#) [9]

Director:

Course [Nadim Ahmed](#) [10]

Designer:

Location Details

Mass Start [Google Map Link](#) [12]

& Party! [Apple/iPhone Link](#) [13]

Patuxent [Printable Driving](#)

River Park [Directions \(PDF\)](#) [14]

Barn parking area

Upper

Marlboro,

MD

[Google Map](#)

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Course Details

Course Name	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
White	2.9	30	11
Yellow	3.1	40	11
Orange	5.3	85	15
Beige	3.4	50	12
Brown	4.3	90	13
Green	6.1	120	19
Red	8.5	180	22
Blue	9.5	195	24

Course Notes

Mass Start & Party!

Detailed course, map and Chase logistics are explained in [this document](#) [2].

Entry Fees