



The Chase

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**June 1
Sunday**



The Chase Returns!

The 49th Chase

Welcome to 49th 'The Chase', our end of season celebration event and picnic. This year, we are returning to Patuxent River park on the west side of Jug Bay. The Chase is a mass start event happening at noon, involving orienteering and the quaffing of beverages. Those not interested in the mass start can begin their course anytime from 10:00am-11:20am and 12:15pm-1:30pm. Regular beginner courses will also be available. The Chase will be preceded by the QOC Annual Meeting. This event is free for all QOC members, but please pre-register as usual. Non-members can register at discounted (member) rates. There will be no registration available on the day of the event.

What to Expect

Participants will navigate through diverse terrains, including wooded areas, open fields, and waterways, using a map and compass. This event is designed to test your navigation skills, endurance, and for groups, teamwork. Various courses will be available to accommodate all skill levels:

- Beginner Courses (White and Yellow): Perfect for newcomers, offering a gentle introduction to orienteering with straightforward checkpoints and kid-friendly terrain. Beginner Instruction will be available.
- Intermediate Course (Orange): A bit more challenging, great for those with some orienteering experience looking to improve their skills.
- Advanced Courses: For experienced orienteers seeking a rigorous and demanding course with complex navigation.



For the Chase, intermediate and advanced courses will consist of multiple loops that will bring you back to the start area for quaffing and a map exchange. For full event and course details, [CLICK HERE \[2\]](#).

What to Bring

Participants should come with:

- Comfortable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear
- Water bottle and snacks
- Compass and whistle if you have them. Loaners are available if needed.

Parking Details

Ample parking is available on both sides of the entrance road leading to the barn and pavilion. Please be alert and watch for runners.



[\[3\] Volunteer: Sign up for a volunteer slot via this form \[3\], or email the Event Director \[4\] directly for other options.](#)

Groups

QOC allows groups of up to 4 people to orienteer together. Any youth or large groups attending this event should contact the [Event Director \[4\]](#) in advance so that we can coordinate pre-registration for your group. Details and the required waiver form can be found on our [For Group Leaders \[5\]](#) webpage.

Schedule

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

10:00 - Courses open for early starters

11:20 - Early starts end

11:25 - Barn - Annual Meeting; voting for board members; Announcements (e.g. Summer Short program)

11:45 - Barn - Pre-race brief; beverage and map pickup

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

Picnic



The Annual Picnic and Awards Ceremony will take place immediately following the running of the courses. Sharmagh Yepremian has agreed to lead organizing the potluck - again!



- QOC is providing beer, water, and lemonade. Hotdogs, lemonade and some water will be provided for the Potluck.
- Please bring sides, salads, desserts, water and beverages for the Potluck; sign up [here \[6\]](#) or contact [Sharmagh \[7\]](#).
- The Event Vice Presidents will have the 2025-26 draft event schedule available for event director and course designer sign ups - please check your calendars and come ready to volunteer!

The Annual Meeting of the Quantico Orienteering Club General Membership will take place on Sunday, June 1, 2025, 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**. This meeting has one major goal: **The Election of Officers for 2025-2026 Season**. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jody Landers, has recommended the following slate of officers for the coming year (full report is [here \[8\]](#)).

President: Don Fish

Vice President Permits - MD: Mike Newman

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

Vice President Permits - VA: Dennis Doherty

Vice President Events - VA: Aaron Linville

Secretary: Beátri Bennett

Treasurer: David Levine

Our thanks and appreciation go out to **Matt Smith**, who has done an outstanding job as the Event Vice President for Virginia.

Location

Patuxent River Park, Barn parking area, Upper Marlboro, MD (The Chase & Potluck/Party)

Start Times

Participants will register in advance for one of three start options: Early (10 - 11:20am), Mass Start, or Late (12:15 - 1:15pm).

The Early and Late options will avoid the Mass Start (but where's the fun in that?)

Schedule

Sunday, June 110:00 The Chase &
am - Potluck/Party:
3:00 pm

Volunteers

Event [Mark Mace \[4\]](#)

Director:

Course [Peggy Dickison \[11\]](#)

Designer:

Location Details

The Chase [Google Map Link \[13\]](#)

& [Apple/iPhone Link \[14\]](#)

Potluck/Party [Printable Driving Directions \(PDF\) \[15\]](#)

Patuxent
River Park
Barn parking
area
Upper
Marlboro,
MD
[Google Map \[12\]](#)

Course Details

The Chase & Potluck/Party Cour Len Clim No.



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White	1.7	25	9
Yellow	2.9	35	12
Orange	5.7	75	19
Beige	3.4	35	11
Brown	4.7	70	18
Green	5.9	75	20
Red	7.6	100	26
Blue	9.4	150	32

Course Notes