

# Daily Space Snapshot

May 13, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

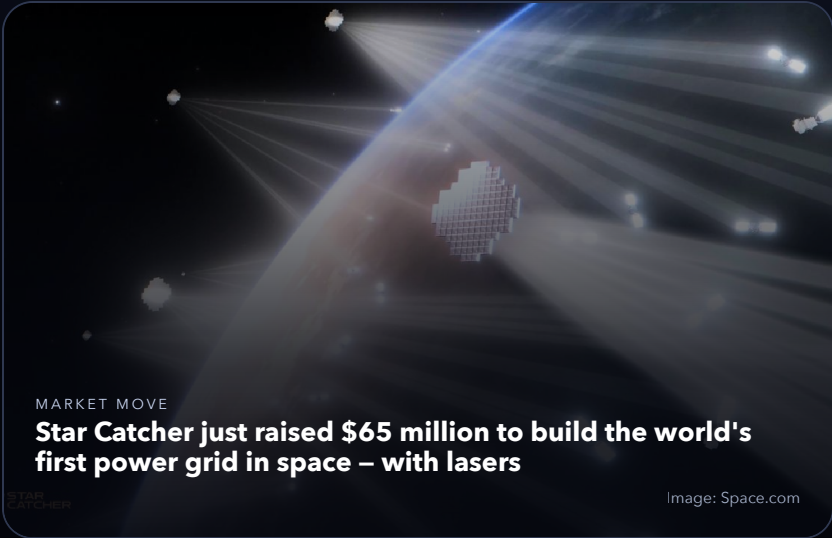
## Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

SpaceX is now targeting no earlier than Tuesday, May 19, for the long awaited debut of the third major iteration of its Starship-Super Heavy rocket. The announcement came the day after it completed an integrated tanking test on Monday.



**TOP SIGNAL**  
**SpaceX targets May 19 for debut of Starship Version 3, Launch Pad 2**

Image: Spaceflight Now



**MARKET MOVE**  
**Star Catcher just raised \$65 million to build the world's first power grid in space – with lasers**

Image: Space.com



**POLICY**  
**SpaceX's Starship V3 megarocket finally has a debut launch date. Here's when it will fly**

Image: Space.com



**LAUNCH OPS**  
**Uranus and Neptune could be full of rocks, new study suggests**

Image: Space.com



**PROGRAM WATCH**  
**Watch SpaceX launch 6,500 pounds of cargo to the International Space Station on May 13**

Image: Space.com



**HARDWARE**  
**SpaceX CRS-34 resupply mission to ISS delayed 24 hours**

Image: NASASpaceflight



**SCIENCE / PUBLIC**  
**Quantum Space to build spacecraft in Tulsa**

Image: SpaceNews

**SIGNAL METER**

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**LAUNCH WINDOW**

### Upcoming Launches

- May 13, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**  
CRS SpX-34
- May 14, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**  
Landspace launch listing
- May 15, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**  
Starlink Group 17-37
- May 18, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**  
Globalstar 2-R Mission 1
- May 19, 2026 • Starbase, Texas, USA**  
Starship Flight 12

**NARRATIVE BALANCE**

### Signal Split

Momentum Signal	65%
Caution Signal	35%

65% momentum vs 35% caution across 26 stories from the last 24 hours (12 momentum-leaning, 14 caution-leaning). Momentum leads, with caution concentrated around execution and launch risk.